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Hollywood: the Golden Era Thunder Bay Press

This book is an exploration of the political activism of Hollywood celebrities and organizations. Using facts, figures, lighthearted commentary and trivia, this book provides a political and historical perspective on the nature of our society reverence for stars and what it may say about us as a democratic society.

**Lost Hollywood** Schiffer Publishing

**\*\*THE INSTANT NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER\*\*** "A Gen-X This Boy's Life...Music and his fierce brilliance boost Jollett; a visceral urge to leave his background behind propels him to excel... In the end, Jollett shakes off the past to become the captain of his own soul. Hollywood Park is a triumph." —O, The Oprah Magazine "This moving and profound memoir is for anyone who loves a good redemption story." —Good Morning America, 20 Books We're Excited for in 2020 "Several years ago, Jollett began writing Hollywood Park, the gripping and brutally honest memoir of his life. Published in the middle of the pandemic, it has gone on to become one of the summer's most celebrated books and a New York Times best seller..." —Los Angeles Magazine HOLLYWOOD PARK is a remarkable memoir of a tumultuous life. Mikel Jollett was born into one of the country's most infamous cults, and subjected to a childhood filled with poverty, addiction, and emotional abuse. Yet, ultimately, his is a story of fierce love and family loyalty told in a raw, poetic voice that signals the emergence of a uniquely gifted writer. We were never young. We were just too afraid of ourselves. No one told us who we were or what we were or where all our parents went. They would arrive like ghosts, visiting us for a morning, an afternoon. They would sit with us or walk around the grounds, to laugh or cry or toss us in the air while we screamed. Then they'd disappear again, for weeks, for months, for years, leaving us alone with our memories and dreams, our questions and confusion. ... So begins Hollywood Park, Mikel Jollett's remarkable memoir. His story opens in an experimental commune in California, which later morphed into the Church of Synanon, one of the country's most infamous and dangerous cults. Per the leader's mandate, all children, including Jollett and his older brother, were separated from their parents when they were six months old, and handed over to the cult's "School." After spending years in what was essentially an orphanage, Mikel escaped the cult one morning with his mother and older brother. But in many ways, life outside Synanon was even harder and more erratic. In his raw, poetic and powerful voice, Jollett portrays a childhood filled with abject

poverty, trauma, emotional abuse, delinquency and the lure of drugs and alcohol. Raised by a clinically depressed mother, tormented by his angry older brother, subjected to the unpredictability of troubled step-fathers and longing for contact with his father, a former heroin addict and ex-con, Jollett slowly, often painfully, builds a life that leads him to Stanford University and, eventually, to finding his voice as a writer and musician. Hollywood Park is told at first through the limited perspective of a child, and then broadens as Jollett begins to understand the world around him. Although Mikel Jollett's story is filled with heartbreak, it is ultimately an unforgettable portrayal of love at its fiercest and most loyal.

Hollywood Now & Then Rizzoli Publications

From Grauman's Chinese Theater to the famous Hollywood sign, this Then and Now book features fascinating archival photographs contrasted with specially commissioned, full-color images of the same scene today. Each work is a visual lesson in the area's historic changes.

Bring on the Empty Horses Arcadia Publishing

From the Turner Classic Movies Library: Film and history buffs alike will enjoy this engrossing story of Hollywood's involvement in World War II, as it's never before been told. Remember a time when all of Hollywood—with the expressed encouragement and investment of the government—joined forces to defend the American way of life? It was World War II and the gravest threat faced the nation, and the world at large. Hollywood answered the call to action. This is the riveting tale of how the film industry enlisted in the Allied effort during the second World War—a story that started with staunch isolationism as studios sought to maintain the European market and eventually erupted into impassioned support in countless ways. Industry output included war films depicting battles and reminding moviegoers what they were fighting for, "home-front" stories designed to boost the morale of troops overseas, and even musicals and comedies that did their bit by promoting the Good Neighbor Policy with American allies to the south. Stars like Carole Lombard—who lost her life returning from a war bond-selling tour—Bob Hope, and Marlene Dietrich enthusiastically joined USO performances and risked their own health and safety by entertaining troops near battlefronts; others like James Stewart and Clark Gable joined the fight themselves in uniform; Bette Davis and John Garfield created a starry haven for soldiers in their founding of the Hollywood Canteen. Filmmakers Orson Welles, Walt Disney, Alfred Hitchcock, and others took breaks from thriving careers to make films aiming to shore up alliances, boost recruitment, and let the folks back home know what beloved family members were facing overseas. Through it all, a story of once-in-a-century unity—of a collective need to stand up for humanity, even if it means risking everything—comes to life in this

engrossing, photo-filled tale of Hollywood Victory.

*William Powell and Myrna Loy* NYU Press

Becker reminiscences about his work on the sets and in the dressing rooms of Hollywood personalities, providing glimpses into the private lives of a stellar array of actors and actresses. Besides these and other stars, Becker also discloses fascinating details of working with world-famous directors John Huston, William Wyler, Nicholas Ray, Anatole Litvak, Renz Clzment, and Vittorio de Sica.

**Hollywood Victory** University Press of Amer

In 1920, Joseph W. Young Jr. came to Florida and created Hollywood, an entire city based on City Beautiful ideals. Today, though his city has greatly increased in size, Young's original plan and many handsome 1920s buildings still demonstrate Hollywood's historic beginnings, a tribute to Young's vision.

*Hollywood Stories* Grove/Atlantic, Inc.

"Thoughtfully traces [Mara Wilson's] journey from child actress to Hollywood dropout...Who is she now? She's a writer." —NPR's "Guide To 2016's Great Reads" "Growing up, I wanted to be Mara Wilson. Where Am I Now? is a delight." —Ilana Glazer, cocreator and star of *Broad City* Named a best book of the month by GoodReads and Entertainment Weekly A former child actor best known for her starring roles in *Matilda* and *Mrs. Doubtfire*, Mara Wilson has always felt a little young and out of place: as the only kid on a film set full of adults, the first daughter in a house full of boys, a Valley girl in New York and a neurotic in California, and a grown-up the world still remembers as a little girl. Tackling everything from what she learned about sex on the set of *Melrose Place*, to discovering in adolescence that she was no longer "cute" enough for Hollywood, these essays chart her journey from accidental fame to relative (but happy) obscurity. They also illuminate universal struggles, like navigating love and loss, and figuring out who you are and where you belong. Candid, insightful, moving, and hilarious, *Where Am I Now?* introduces Mara Wilson as a brilliant new chronicler of the experience that is growing up female.

**Hollywood Park** Chronicle Books

Looks at the lives of one hundred child stars who came of age in Hollywood during the 1970s, 1980s, and 1990s, revealing what has happened to them since their early--often fleeting--brush with fame and fortune.

*Acting Today* iUniverse

Award-winning author William J. Mann blends fact and fiction in this unconventional novel about the nature of celebrity *The Biograph Girl* is Florence Lawrence, who gets her first big break in vaudeville as a tiny tot who can whistle like a man. By 1910 she's a legendary movie star, pursued by thousands of rabid fans. Just a few short decades later, she's all but forgotten, reduced to walk-ons at MGM. In 1938 she kills herself by ingesting a lethal dose of ant paste. Fast-forward fifty-nine years. A 107-year-old woman named Flo Bridgewood is discovered in a Catholic nursing home in Buffalo. Could the feisty chain smoker with the red satin bow in her hair be America's former sweetheart? Florence Lawrence is dead . . . isn't she? And if not, then whose body is in her grave? That's what journalist Richard Sheehan wants to find out as he and his identical twin brother, Ben, a documentary filmmaker, decide to cash in on a decades-old mystery. Sharing the stage is Flo

herself, whose story is the stuff of Hollywood fantasy. A provocative melding of fact and fiction, *The Biograph Girl* is about what it means to be a celebrity—then and now.

*Hollywood Then & Now* Hodder & Stoughton

"I'm ready for my close-up, Mr. DeMille!" Los Angeles, the City of Angels, is the capital of show business, where to be young and beautiful is to have it all. This all-new edition of *Los Angeles Then and Now* is a captivating chronicle of history and change in the mecca of glamour and glitz. -This tell-all book matches 70 historic images with 70 specially commissioned photos of modern LA, showing the amazing evolution of California's largest city. -Notice how Native American and Spanish Colonial architectural and cultural influences reside comfortably alongside the glitz of Tinseltown and the cosmopolitan high-rises of LA. -Movie fans will enjoy the many then-and-now pix of legendary Hollywood landmarks like Schwab's Pharmacy, Paramount Studios, Grauman's Chinese Theater, and the Roosevelt Hotel.

**Hollywood Wives** Greenwood

Hollywood--symbol of glamour and dreams, nostalgia and glitz, is captured in this beautiful photo essay of its physical past and present. Facing pages of gorgeous contemporary color photos and B&W historical photos of the same site are accompanied by illuminating historical background text. A book for all those who have lived in, visited, or just dreamed about visiting Hollywood.

*Hollywood* Random House Incorporated

*Hollywood Blackmail: A Seacliff Novel* by Jackie Ashenden Lizzie Kent needs to forget the past. She lives in total anonymity, immersing herself in nursing to help her forget. But when a man from her previous life turns up in her clinic, the life she's tried to create for herself may come toppling down. Ash knows what he wants and he wants Lizzie, the girl who left him all those years ago. As Hollywood's greatest action superstar no one says no to him, but when Lizzie refuses to acknowledge their shared past, he has to resort to a little old fashioned blackmail. Will Lizzie revisit her past to enable her future with the man she loves, or do old wounds run too deep?

*Hollywood People*

How am I supposed to keep my new job in Hollywood when my father insists on summoning me to his universe over and over? I'm a storyboard artist, not a bodyguard, but Diabolical Dave McCay demands that I protect pioneer feminist actress Judy Anthony as she campaigns for women's rights in his retro society. Why are clowns attacking an activist actress, anyway? Are these mere pranks, or something more serious? Why aren't there other superheroes in Dave's universe? And in my own universe, how can I fend off the advances of my charming but pushy new boss, a powerful Hollywood director? PG-rated nonstop comic book style adventure set in two universes, with plenty of super-powered battles and recognizable classic comic book scenarios—and some iffy romance thrown in. This novel can be read as a stand-alone story. Other adventures in the Temporary Superheroine series are also stand-alone stories. CHARACTERS IN THIS NOVEL: Chloe Cole: Reluctant female superhero, possessor of superpowers, snarky 26-year-old with parent, career, and love life issues. Diabolical Dave McCay: Maverick comic book artist, man who wants the modern world to be like it was in 1962, troublemaking genius who has access to great power. Jason Dellon: Hollywood success story, entirely too focused on starting a personal relationship with his new young employee—Chloe. Judy Anthony: Oscar-winning actress running for the presidency of the Screen

Actors' League, she's campaigning for women's rights. Michael Ellsworth: Studio head opposed to Judy Anthony and to women's rights, could he be the secret instigator of the Sad Clowns? The Sad Clown Society: Supposedly Hollywood actors against Judy Anthony's campaign for women's rights. They disguise themselves as clowns and disrupt her speeches. Are they for real? FBI Agent Shelly: He's the agent in charge of protecting Judy Anthony. Behind his stoic facade, what is he thinking? Whose side is he on? Jovial Jerry Fine: Beloved elderly icon of the comic book world, benign but skeptical participant in fast-paced adventures, would any superhero story be complete without him? The Temporary Superheroine series of novels all feature Chloe's super-powered adventures: Book 1 Temporary Superheroine Book 2 Crisis at Comicon Book 3 Hollywood Superheroine

**From Hollywood** Scarecrow Press

A biography of Louella Parsons, America's premiere movie gossip columnist from 1915 to 1960, chronicles her reign over Hollywood during the studio era, her lifelong alliance with William Randolph Hearst, and her complex and turbulent relationships.

*And the Stars Spoke Back* Hollywood Stories

\*Includes pictures \*Includes a bibliography for further reading "My first scene with Bill, a night shot on the back lot, happened before we'd even met. Woody was apparently too busy for introductions. My instructions were to run out of a building, through a crowd, and into a strange car. When Woody called 'Action, ' I opened the car door, jumped in, and landed smack on William Powell's lap. He looked up nonchalantly: 'Miss Loy, I presume?' I said, 'Mr. Powell?' And that's how I met the man who would be my partner in fourteen films." - Myrna Loy It is something of a cliché to say that an actor's life was like a movie he or she might have starred in, but in the case of Myrna Loy, the cliché is true. It is easy to picture her as a little girl, riding the range with her rancher father, sitting around the table and participating charmingly in family discussions of current events. It is not hard to imagine the camera panning to her first and then second visits to Hollywood, her backlot tour, and starry-eyed decision to become an actress. There would have to be some drama, which the story of her father's untimely death would provide, along with some sort of deathbed promise made to him to care for the rest of the family. Her mother would be brave but resolute as she moved her young family to California. The lighting on set would brighten and the tempo of the background would pick up as she walked down the Los Angeles streets. Perhaps the camera would spin to show the passage of time, as the now adult Myrna got a job as a dancer and was then "discovered." There would have to be a scene of her signing her new surname, Loy, to her MGM contract, likely as several cigar smoking men looked on. Later the audience would see her fight off casting couch advances, earning her the reputation as the only good girl in Hollywood even as she was cast again and again in sultry, vampish roles. She would endure these with a positive attitude while always being on the lookout for something better. Then, her big break would come. The camera would show her first comical meeting with William Powell and then a spinning scene of ticket after ticket being sold to their new picture, *The Thin Man*. Her star obviously on the rise, ominous music would suddenly play, followed by booming cannons and falling bombs. A newspaper would flash on screen, "Pearl Harbor Bombed." Then the audience would see her stride determinedly into the movie studio offices and announce to those above that her love of country superseded her career ambitions and that she would be taking the duration of the war off from making pictures. Patriotic music would play as she was shown

gathering clothing and giving speeches until, once more, the boys came marching home. In the 1920s, the burgeoning movie industry was starting to come into its own, and while older silent film stars like Charlie Chaplin and Buster Keaton reached the peak of Hollywood, some actors born near the beginning of the 20th century were ready to capitalize. While actors like Humphrey Bogart and Cary Grant remain household names, and actresses like Greta Garbo are still widely remembered, few had careers that enjoyed the success of William Powell. In a career spanning several decades, Powell would receive three Oscar nominations for Best Actor for critically acclaimed movies, so it is somewhat ironic that he is mostly remembered today for his association with the more famous Myrna Loy. Together, they starred in 14 films, including the 1934 box office hit, *The Thin Man*. One thing that helped Powell's career along in the old days when Hollywood would only cast white actors in major roles, no matter what the nationality of the character was supposed to be, were his dark good looks.

**Film Crazy** AuthorHouse

The year was 1896, the woman was Alice Guy-Blaché, and the film was *The Cabbage Fairy*. It was less than a minute long. Guy-Blaché, the first female director, made hundreds of movies during her career. Thousands of women with passion and commitment to storytelling followed in her footsteps. Working in all aspects of the movie industry, they collaborated with others to create memorable images on the screen. This book pays tribute to the spirit, ambition, grit and talent of these filmmakers and artists. With more than 1200 women featured in the book, you will find names that everyone knows and loves—the movie legends. But you will also discover hundreds and hundreds of women whose names are unknown to you: actresses, directors, stuntwomen, screenwriters, composers, animators, editors, producers, cinematographers and on and on. Stunning photographs capture and document the women who worked their magic in the movie business. Perfect for anyone who enjoys the movies, this photo-treasury of women and film is not to be missed.

Hollywood Then and Now® Running Press Adult

This fresh new book exposes the most famous Hollywood entertainers of the 1920s to 1960s. These Classic performers are remembered for epic careers as actors, musicians, singers, and comedians. Here they appear in postcard portraits with personal quotes that help define their characters. 180 of the best-loved stars fill these pages with their incomparable personalities. See June Allyson, Jack Benny, Gary Cooper, and Helen Hayes, along with so many more of their fellow STARS. Read their quotes on life and enjoy the individuality they display. Today's fans continue to relish in the personalities of these great STARS.

**People: Child Stars** University of Texas Press

A history of Hollywood traces the influence of the East Coast establishment on the evolving film industry as it tours such intriguing monuments as Marion Davies's "Xanadu by the Sea," the Hollywood Canteen, the Brown Derby, the Copacabana, and Pickfair. Reprint. 15,000 first printing. Classic Hollywood Stars Penguin

This book is a revised and updated collection of articles which appeared in their original form in "Films in Review," official publication of the National Board of Review of Motion Pictures, Inc., between 1955 and 1968.

*Trejo* Open Road Media

This book by far contains the best 'industry golden nuggets' there is and will serve as your very own comprehensive guide. Acting Today will make you a successful working actor in Hollywood.