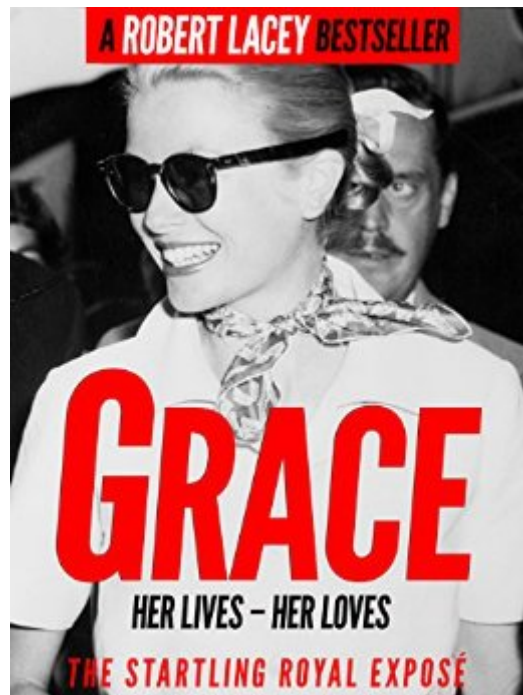


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Grace: Her Lives, Her Loves - The Definitive Biography Of Grace Kelly, Princess Of Monaco



Synopsis

Movie legend, princess, tragic heroine. The moment Grace Kelly stepped into the spotlight in 1950, the world was entranced. In this definitive biography of Hollywood's sweetheart, Robert Lacey looks behind the fairytale facade to reveal the real story of Princess Grace of Monaco, as she became. Gaining unprecedented access to her family and friends, he tells the story of a complex and conflicted woman determined to live her dream. The bestselling biographer also reveals new details about Grace's tragic early death in a car accident that sent shockwaves around the world, and lifts the lid on the affairs that rocked her marriage to Prince Rainier III. This enhanced edition from Apostrophe Books also provides access to 103 photographs, video, links to newsreel footage and trailers to 12 of Grace Kelly's films.

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Customer Reviews

I wanted to read a thorough, accurate review of Princess Grace of Monaco, being a long admirer of her films and her humanitarian work. I picked this book because of Robert Lacey's prior works on European royals, and because so many of her personal friends had been interviewed for it. I don't blame the royal family of Monaco for refusing to cooperate with the author. "Grace: Her Lives, Her

Loves" does give an intimate, in-depth look at the former film star - but it's TOO intimate. Lacey and Grace's "friends" relate sexual trysts in tasteless detail, which adds nothing to the portrait of her and no reader needs to know somebody else's sexual history. I felt like a voyeur. Shame on the author for including THAT much detail. The reader DOES get a good look into Grace's early life and her family relationships, especially her stage-parent father and mother. Her film career gets a good going over, as well as the famous wedding. This doesn't erase the tabloid-tactics of the author. This bio could have been more respectful and discreet about Princess Grace and still given the reader an accurate, in-depth portrait of the subject. I'm only giving three stars because it's more worthy cheap reality tv and supermarket tabloids than a literary biography.

I really enjoyed this book. It gave us insight to who Grace Kelly was and not what we thought she was though it didn't make her out to be a phony or a bad person just a human being like the rest of us. I would surely recommend this book.

If all you know about Grace Kelly is her movies and the newsreels of the wedding, you've only scratched the surface! This book provides lots of details about what her early life was really like. The author details that Hollywood is a nasty business.

For starts, this is an interesting, well-researched book on the life of a woman who went from being the reigning beauty of Hollywood, to a confined-to-quarters prisoner in a castle. She was worshipped, revered, while all the time being basically ignored by her husband and disrespected at every turn by her children. They say we marry our parents. Grace had rigid, no-nonsense inflexible parents who refused to let her grow up, and ruled the roost on her dress, her boyfriends, etc., at every turn. Such was her life in Monaco. The book in itself was of quality not only because it was well-researched, but because, while it told of her affairs and loves, it did not reduce these facets of her life to sleaze. Rather, it told them as part of her history. (And everyone has a history; it just depends upon how it is related to the reader). What I did not like about Grace - Her Lives - Her Loves was the grammatical errors and typos (doesn't anyone proofread these books?). And what I really didn't like, was the starting and preview of the authors new book in the back of this one. I have seen this before in other books, it is almost like some editor says "you have to fill out more pages". The so-called pictures in the back were nothing more than small clips of newsreel footage in black and white wherein it was very difficult to even discern who the people are in the picture. So, that being said HSH Princess Grace is deeply missed by the world, and basically, I liked this book. I feel,

though some of the other works written about her are really much better. So this gets a "recommended" but not a "highly recommended".

I just started reading and so far it's interesting, but there are some glaring and VERY obvious typos. Judy and Jay Kanter's last name is alternately spelled Kanter and Ranter and sometimes the two spellings appear in the same paragraph! Please, this is so obvious. Your high school English teacher would have reamed you out for it!

It was a pretty thorough account of the relationship of Princess Grace and Rainier. Also her relationship with Hollywood and her insistence to keep her "movie screen image". She appears strong in her relationship with the outside world but not so secure in her familial one. The book points out a well established axiom: How do we please a parent!!!

Found out a side of Princess Grace that I did not like. Seemed like an unhappy marriage and not the fairy tale one we thought it was. I think she was a very unhappy person. I also found this book very boring at times but finally read the whole thing.

Grace Kelley was a glamorous, idolized icon of the golden era of post war world 2. Hard to imagine that a "biography" about her life could be so insufferably boring. But it is -- I could only read 19% before giving up. Maybe Miss Kelley was in fact a boring person herself although blessed with incomparable beauty. The book will lead you to believe she totally lacked poise and was quite possibly suffering an undiagnosed personality disorder. If you want to see photographs of this iconic American beauty just go on u-tube, the "photographs" in this essay are ... lacking.

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