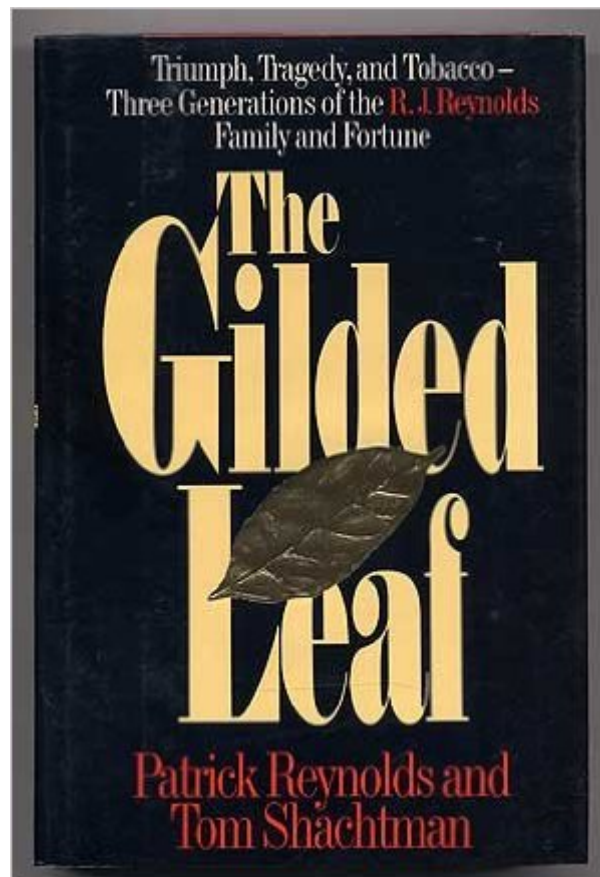


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# Gilded Leaf: Triumph, Tragedy, And Tobacco : Three Generations Of The R J Reynolds Family And Fortune



## Synopsis

This is an account of three generations of the Reynolds tobacco family. R.J.Reynolds was the business genius who founded the company, but his two sons were profligate playboys and his grandsons were all disinherited by their father. The author of the book is one of them.

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## Customer Reviews

I had the opportunity to receive an original hardcover copy of this book some time ago, and was immediately captivated by the story, which indeed plays out more like a fictional novel than the history of a true-life family. This isn't just about how one family developed a tobacco empire, this is about how tobacco has influenced our culture, our way of life, and the very way our country goes about its daily business. Not necessarily disapproving of tobacco in general, Reynolds prefers to simply tell the story and let the actions of the characters, of the company itself, influence the reader's opinion. Kudos to Booksinprint for putting this book back into print ... it's a welcome keyhole into the private life of one of the country's most influential tobacco barons.

Excellent tale of the Reynolds family. The authors have written a wonderfully engrossing tale of wealth, privilege, tragedy, & heartache. Highly recommended!

This past summer I visited Winston Salem and was given a great tour of the area from a person who's granddaddy was a friend of Dick Reynolds. During the tour he was telling me a lot of the

history of the town which I found very fascinating. When he told me that Patrick Reynolds had written a book about the family, I just had to read it. It is hard to believe when you read it that it is a true story as it reads like a novel that would have made one heck of a TV saga. I found it very educational, interesting and very entertaining. I'm so glad I bought it.

A real life story of money, power, sex, politics, and influence. Learn how big time tobacco influenced several industry sectors. Another story that illustrates money doesn't buy happiness. A GREAT read!

This book was very informative about both the birth of R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. and the family in general. I also found the book a classic in the matters of how children of a wealthy family become so decadent from having millions of which they did nothing to earn that they destroy themselves and the lives of their families. Murder, infidelity, greed, jealousy-----all are twisted together in this very intriguing true story. "One should never have so much money that he should not have to work" ----- the Reynolds heirs are perfect examples of this adage.

Great in-depth look at North Carolina's "royal" tobacco family. Kept me on the edge of my seat through the entire book. Patrick Reynolds really did a great job telling the history of his family. Enjoyed this read very much.

A compelling, true story that reads like fiction. It chronicles the hard work to success to the perils of the excesses that come with family dis-functionality, social status, and wealth without work. I had trouble putting it down. Even when I did, the story continued to echo through my brain, even as I slept. Absolutely fascinating and saddening at the same time. Highly recommended!

This is a very interesting book and story of one of our famous families in the tobacco industry and also the aluminum foil industry. Gives you a good idea of what money can do to a family. A very good read.

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