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Robert Downey, Jr.: The Biography





Synopsis

Find out about his film debut at age five playing a puppy in one of his father's cult underground films, his attempt at becoming a comedian during his ill-fated stint on comedy show Saturday Night Live, how he burst onto the scene with his moving performance in Less than Zero and how he charmed Hollywood with his Oscar nominated turn as troubled funny man Charlie Chaplin. With a life that has had more twists and turns than the plots of some of his acclaimed movies - Robert Downey Jr's journey from hell-raiser to Hollywood royalty - is a shocking, moving, funny, and inspirational one.

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

Slick and often inaccurate. The author is more a parasite than a biographer, looking to make a buck off of Robert Downey Jr's well-earned success. Absolutely one for the trash bin.

The great, definitive biography of Robert Downey Jr. SHOULD be written some day - and it will be. He's one of our finest American actors and one of the few true A-list stars, and his life story is both fascinating and inspirational. His life deserves to be written by a fine biographer. This hack job of a book, however, is not that biography. This is what we call a "clip job" - the author's research just involves gathering existing newspaper and magazine articles and hashing them together into a semi-readable text. Nothing is annotated, there are no personal insights, there's not much writing style at all, and no original interviews or research were done. It has all the earmarks of an author just cashing in on a celebrity's popularity. In lieu of the great "someday" RDJ biography, if you're looking for something a little longer than Wikipedia's, this clip job will fill your bill. Otherwise, a bit of researching RDJ online will probably get you to about the same place.

The info is good if you can decipher the writing. Odd writing. The book reads like lots of quotes. It does not read like a biography. A lot of 'he said'...'she said' stuff which breaks up the flow and gave me a headache. Also, faulty glue, so the pages fall out as you read it. Yes, I did put it in the paper recycling bin after page 15.

I loved this book! I have been a fan of his for quite some time and this was such a great personal insight to his life and career and the obstacles he has overcome! Very interesting and easy to read...hard to put down! I loved it!

I purchased this book for a friend of mine in recovery and it has been an inspiration to him. I am so grateful for such a beautiful written piece of literature about this amazing man who shows us all that we all deserve a comeback in life!!!

I received a free copy in exchange for an unbiased review. I found the book interesting however I did not enjoy the style of writing or maybe the narration. Not sure. Because it was an audio book I found it harder to decipher if it was the narrator or someone else talking. I did not realize just how much time RDJ spent in jail, nor the extent of the beatings the prisoners gave him. I also forgot that he was with Sarah Jessica Parker, yet she never joined him on his discovery of being a junkie. But alas everyone loves a good come back story. So from Junkie to jail bird to huge grossing movies and a wife that wont keep him around if he even thinks about touching another drug. This book made me happy, sad, mad, I teared up and laughed. I love the quirky that he brings to each of his parts and I even had to go back and watch Kiss Kiss Bang Bang when I finished the book. I truly hope that he can find happiness and live a nice clean life while providing me with hours of entertaining movies.

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