

Howard Hughes His Life And Madness Donald L Barlett

In this riveting popular history, the creator of You Must Remember This probes the inner workings of Hollywood’s glamorous golden age through the stories of some of the dozens of actresses pursued by Howard Hughes, to reveal how the millionaire mogul’s obsessions with sex, power and publicity trapped, abused, or benefitted women who dreamt of screen stardom. In recent months, the media has reported on scores of entertainment figures who used their power and money in Hollywood to sexually harass and coerce some of the most talented women in cinema and television. But as Karina Longworth reminds us, long before the Harvey Weinsteins there was Howard Hughes—the Texas millionaire, pilot, and filmmaker whose reputation as a cinematic provocateur was matched only by that as a prolific womanizer. His supposed conquests between his first divorce in the late 1920s and his marriage to actress Jean Peters in 1957 included many of Hollywood’s most famous actresses, among them Billie Dove, Katharine Hepburn, Ava Gardner, and Lana Turner. From promoting bombshells like Jean Harlow and Jane Russell to his contentious battles with the censors, Hughes—perhaps more than any other filmmaker of his era—commoditized male desire as he objectified and sexualized women. Yet there were also numerous women pulled into Hughes’s grasp who never made it to the screen, sometimes virtually imprisoned by an increasingly paranoid and disturbed Hughes, who retained multitudes of private investigators, security personnel, and informers to make certain these actresses would not escape his clutches. Vivid, perceptive, timely, and ridiculously entertaining, The Seducer is a landmark work that examines women, sex, and male power in Hollywood during its golden age—a legacy that endures nearly a century later.

Whether he was courting public attention in the roles of aviator, playboy and entrepreneur, or shunning it as a recluse, Howard Hughes commanded headlines throughout his career. Yet the image of his life, his power and his business empire that caught the public imagination was almost completely false. Hughes s fortune actually came from his father s tool company and, later, from the Hughes Aircraft Company, yet these flourished simply because Hughes was prevented from interfering in their workings. In fact, Hughes was a disastrous businessman – no company under his control ever built a successful aircraft, he nearly destroyed TWA and completely destroyed a major film studio, and even his gambling empire in Las Vegas was crippled by corruption. His personal life was even more disastrous – he feared, rightly, that he was mad and spent most of his fortune and the last 18 years of his life trying to prevent anyone finding out. He spent his time naked, eating little, addicted to drugs and tranquillisers, a physical wreck, and died surrounded by men who nurtured his madness for their own ends.

Just in time for the November release of Miramax's "The Aviator," starring Leonardo DiCaprio and directed by Martin Scorsese, this fascinating biography tells the full story of one of the most daring, enigmatic, and reclusive power brokers America has ever known. Photos.

Many people know about Howard Hughes, America’s first billionaire. He was an aviation engineer, an Oscar-winning motion picture producer and director, and a hotel and casino owner in Las Vegas and Reno, with seven establishments. He built the biggest airplane in the world at the time—known as the Spruce Goose—and the Glormar Explorer supership for the CIA. He owned RKO Motion Picture Studios in Hollywood, as well as tens of thousands of acres in California, Nevada, and Texas. Fewer people, however, know the Howard Hughes of the neon world of Las Vegas in the 1970s. Reclusive and eccentric, Hughes spent his later years surrounded by Mormon aides who insulated him from outsiders. This collection of biographical anecdotes includes stories of the power players of the time—celebrities, famous actresses, and the Las Vegas Mafia—as well as tales of Hughes’s bevy of less-well-known ladies. Told by an insider who knew Hughes in that era, these stories reveal new aspects of an American icon, set against the background of Sin City, the town he loved so much. “John has captured a fascinating era here; I know ... I was there.” –Alvin Zuckert, Emmy-award winning television director “John’s book caused me to relive an exciting and wonderful time in my life. There were sides of Hughes you never knew existed ... until now!” –Ted West, engineer for Hughes Television, KLAS-TV and FOX-TV, Las Vegas, Nevada “No crapshoot here; John’s got an absolute winner.” –Gary Marlow, technical director for Hughes Television, KLAS-TV, Las Vegas, Nevada

The Strange Medical Saga of Howard Hughes

Seduction

Next to Hughes

Boxes

Howard Hughes's right-hand man reveals how he helped the enigmatic billionaire break the mafia's stranglehold on Las Vegas and arrange the covert relationship between the CIA and mob that led to the Bay of Pigs invasion. Reprint.

Cast size: medium.

Drawing on thousands of obscure documents, including secret FBI reports and court documents, and new interviews, a detailed biography explores Hughes's love affairs, his relationship to his mother, and his complicated life. Reprint.

A test pilot for Howard Hughes separates fact from fiction to tell the inside story of the aviation genius who set speed records in the 1930s and went on to develop some of America's most famous aircraft and weapons. George Marrett draws on his wealth of experiences and those of other Hughes confidants to take readers inside Hughes's complex world—a world that has kept its secrets for nearly six decades. Both a gifted storyteller and a top-notch aviator himself, having tested forty types of military aircraft and logged eight thousand hours in the air, the author integrates stories of Hughes the ace pilot with Hughes the designer and businessman who became America's first billionaire. Through revealing, humorous, and sometimes tragic stories, Marrett provides a full picture of the elusive Hughes despite his obsession with working in secrecy. The author tells of Hughes's insistence on personally test-flying every plane he built and of the scores of aircraft Hughes purchased, borrowed, flew, and then stored all over the country. The author also reveals details of the top-secret airfield that Hughes owned in Culver City just a few miles from the Los Angeles airport. Marrett's narrative, as intriguing as its subject, begins in the 1920s, when Hughes learned to fly at the Santa Monica airport, continues into the 1940s, with his famous flight of the Spruce Goose, and follows into the post-World War II era and the invention of airborne radar at Hughes Aircraft Company. Marrett then moves into the 1950s at the Culver City airport where he later tested weapon systems that are still in use by the U.S. military. With the publication of this book, Marrett helps set the record straight about Hughes the aviator and the contributions he made to the development of aviation.

Stuff You Should Know

A Biography

The Untold Story

His Life and Madness (Large Print 16pt)

Hughes The Private Diaries, Memons and Letters

After seven years of research and verification, Wellman draws the conclusion that billionaire Howard Hughes found a mentally incompetent man to impersonate him, drawing the attention of the Internal Revenue Service and an army of lawyers, while he conducted his business in peace from Panama with his new wife, Eva McLelland.

The life that inspired the major motion picture The Aviator, starring Leonardo DiCaprio and directed by Martin Scorsese. Howard Hughes has always fascinated the public with his mixture of secrecy, dashing lifestyle, and reclusiveness. This is the book that breaks through the image to get at the man.

Originally published under the title Empire: The Life, Legend, and Madness of Howard Hughes.

Howard Hughes embodied the American dream: envied by powerful men, desired by beautiful women, Hughes lived his life larger than all who surrounded him and yet died an emaciated recluse. This makes him the perfect subject for red-hot biographer Alton Reece. Riding high on the wave of previous astonishing success, Reece sees Hughes as more than simply a name worth the seven-figure advance he's demanding from his publisher. He finds in Hughes a kindred spirit of greatness, a man misunderstood and beaten down by jealous inferiors. But even as Reece struggles to 'know' his subject, his own rapidly unravelling life keeps finding unexpected ways to intrude. With a deft comic touch and an astounding narrative style, Steven Carter's novel creates a picture of a Hughes who might have been, a biographer who can't separate his subject from his own visions of grandeur, and a public that demands its heroes be larger than life - if only so they can be more easily torn down.

From the duo behind the massively successful and award-winning podcast Stuff You Should Know comes an unexpected look at things you thought you knew. Josh Clark and Chuck Bryant started the podcast Stuff You Should Know back in 2008 because they were curious!curious about the world around them, curious about what they might have missed in their formal educations, and curious to dig deeper on stuff they thought they understood. As it turns out, they aren't the only curious ones. They've since amassed a rabid fan base, making Stuff You Should Know one of the most popular podcasts in the world. Armed with their inquisitive natures and a passion for sharing, they uncover the weird, fascinating, delightful, or unexpected elements of a wide variety of topics. The pair have now taken their near-boundless "whys" and "hows" from your eardrums to the pages of a book for the first time!featuring a completely new array of subjects that theylve long wondered about and wanted to explore. Each chapter is further embellished with snappy visual material to allow for rabbit-hole tangents and digressions!including charts, illustrations, sidebars, and footnotes. Follow along as the two dig into the underlying stories of everything from the origin of Murphy beds, to the history of facial hair, to the psychology of being lost. Have you ever wondered about the world around you, and wished to see the magic in everyday things? Come get curious with Stuff You Should Know. With Josh and Chuck as your guide, there's something interesting about everything (...except maybe jackhammers).

An Incomplete Compendium of Mostly Interesting Things

Citizen Hughes

The Taking of K-129

Howard Hughes and His Flying Boat

The Autobiography : the Most Famous Unpublished Book of the 20th Century-- Until Now

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • LONGLISTED FOR THE NATIONAL BOOK AWARD • One of today’s most insightful and influential thinkers offers a powerful exploration of inequality and the lesson that generations of Americans have failed to learn: Racism has a cost for everyone—not just for people of color. WINNER OF THE PORCHLIGHT BUSINESS BOOK AWARD • ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR: Time, The Washington Post, St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Ms. magazine, BookRiot, Library Journal • **LONGLISTED FOR THE ANDREW CARNEGIE MEDAL** • “This is the book I’ve been waiting for.”—Ibram X. Kendi, #1 New York Times bestselling author of How to Be an Antiracist Heather McGhee’s specialty is the American economy—and the mystery of why it so often fails the American public. From the financial crisis of 2008 to rising student debt to collapsing public infrastructure, she found a root problem: racism in our politics and policymaking. But not just in the most obvious indignities for people of color. Racism has costs for white people, too. It is the common denominator of our most vexing public problems, the core dysfunction of our democracy and constitutive of the spiritual and moral crises that grip us all. But how did this happen? And is there a way out? McGhee embarks on a deeply personal journey across the country from Maine to Mississippi to California, tallying what we lose when we buy into the zero-sum paradigm—the idea that progress for some of us must come at the expense of others. Along the way, she meets white people who confide in her about losing their homes, their dreams, and their shot at better jobs to the toxic mix of American racism and greed. This is the story of how public goods in this country—from parks and pools to functioning schools—have become private luxuries; of how unions collapsed, wages stagnated, and inequality increased; and of how this country, unique among the world’s advanced economies, has thwarted universal healthcare. But in unlikely places of worship and work, McGhee finds proof of what she calls the Solidarity Dividend: the benefits we gain when people come together across race to accomplish what we simply can’t do on our own. The Sum of Us is not only a brilliant analysis of how we arrived here but also a heartfelt message, delivered with startling empathy, from a black woman to a multiracial America. It leaves us with a new vision for a future in which we finally realize that life can be more than a zero-sum game.

Flying in the face of adversity... Howard Hughes was known during his lifetime as one of the most financially successful individuals in the world. Funded by his considerable wealth, he formed the Hughes Aircraft Company in 1932 and spent the remainder of the decade setting multiple world air speed records. The enigma that was Howard Hughes and the saga of the mighty airline he ruled ruthlessly for two decades are combined in this unique corporate history that reads like a thrilling work of aviation fiction. Movie stars and moguls; airline chieftains and staff, from pilots to skycaps - these are the colourful characters that grace the pages of this anecdote-filled book that pulls no punches. In the course of researching the TWA story, author Robert J Serling interviewed more than one hundred individuals, many of whom knew Hughes personally. The result - a portrayal of the eccentric billionaire that has never been seen before. This is the first full account of the great air carrier that the moody, mysterious Hughes first saved from extinction and then nearly destroyed in the process...

Praise for Robert J Serling 'Aviation buffs will revel in this thoroughgoing chronicle' - Kirkus Robert J Serling (1918-2010) wrote aviation fiction, as well as some non-fiction, his whole adult life and received the 1988 Lauren D. Lyman Award for distinguished achievement in the field of aviation and aerospace journalism. Formerly residents of Washington, D.C., he and his wife moved to Tucson, Arizona. He passed away in 2010 at the age of 92.

Howard Hughes, once the wealthiest man in the world. Handsome. Daring. Reclusive. Movie producer. Aviation pioneer. Then one fateful day his plane crashed and his world was one of pain. He found relief in drugs and came to rely on them more and more. He became reclusive and inaccessible. He surrounded himself with people to help him create an asylum against the outside world. But they turned it into an asylum of another kind. Hughes turned to the one man he knew he could trust to help him preserve his privacy and retain his freedom. That man became Howard’s most trusted confidant and friend, Jack Real. Real tried valiantly to save Hughes from himself and his guards. It was an impossible job but one that Jack G. Real gave his all to accomplish. This is his Story.

Howard Hughes was an American entrepreneur, known during his life as one of the most financially successful individuals in the world. First making a name for himself as a film producer, he then became an influential figure in the aviation industry. Later in life, he became known for his eccentric behavior and reclusive lifestyle which was caused in part by a worsening obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD) and chronic pain from a plane crash. As a maverick film tycoon, Hughes gained prominence in Hollywood from the late 1920s, making big-budget and often controversial films like The Racket (1928), Hell's Angels (1930), Scarface (1932), and The Outlaw (1943). Hughes formed the Hughes Aircraft Company in 1932, hiring numerous engineers and designers. He spent the rest of the 1930s setting multiple world air speed records and building the Hughes H-1 Racer and H-4 Hercules (the "Spruce Goose"). He acquired and expanded Trans World Airlines and later acquired Air West, renaming it Hughes Airwest. Hughes was included in Flying Magazine's list of the 51 Heroes of Aviation, ranked at No. 25. Today, his legacy is maintained through the Howard Hughes Medical Institute.

Second Edition

How the CIA Used Howard Hughes to Steal a Russian Sub in the Most Daring Covert Operation in History

What Racism Costs Everyone and How We Can Prosper Together

Howard Hughes: His Life and Madness

The Life of Howard Hughes

"A great story and a primer on smart, creative lawyering and deep-dive forensic accounting. John Clark and Paul Regan school Howard Hughes on how to bring down even the wealthiest, most stubborn opponent." -Robert B. Thum, Partner, Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP Extreme wealth seems to always have a dark side, such as the victims of jaw-dropping inequality. There is much debate if billionaires should even exist because politicians and policies are up for sale at prices that only the 1 percent can actually afford to pay. Rarely do we hear stories of justice concerning the richest people of all time. In this unique memoir, American business tycoon, movie director and aviator Howard R. Hughes Jr. and his pugnacious attorney, Chester Davis, were taken down by a brilliant and passionate attorney, John Bales Clark, and a diligent and talented young CPA, Paul Regan. Clark and Regan were dedicated to restoring what was wrongfully taken from their clients by Hughes and Davis. This story evolves into a contest fought by Clark and Regan as they unraveled an injustice perpetrated by Hughes and Davis on the shareholders of Air West, Inc. Along this journey, there was a parallel track involving the CIA, the Department of Justice and a Soviet submarine carrying nuclear missiles. The connection between Clark and Regan's journey, the CIA, and the Soviet submarine was coincidental; however, without that connection, their careers may not have been as golden as they became. This secret connection, and Clark and Regan's efforts to use it to bring down Howard Hughes, have been told to only a very few, until The Forensic. Paul Regan worked as an expert in forensic accounting-related litigation with John Clark, until John's death, over a span of 40 years. Their work together took them to many states and federal jurisdictions throughout the United States. Paul has also worked with hundreds of other attorneys in the world's largest law firms, as well as the SEC, the US Department of Justice, and attorney generals for many states. His expert testimony in the largest corporate frauds in the past 40 years has not only been presented in the United States, but in England, the World Court in the Hague (against the Islamic Republic of Iran), Canada, Australia, and Guam. Paul is a certified public accountant and is certified in financial forensics. He holds both undergraduate and graduate degrees in accounting. As an accounting expert and forensic consultant, he has testified in more than 125 trials and arbitrations and in more than 225 depositions. These analyses have involved such companies as: Countrywide, Xerox, Parmalat, Sunbeam, Cisco, Enron, Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities LLC, and Lehman Brothers. Paul has been a partner in Hemming Morse, LLC's forensic and financial consulting firm for more than 45 years and is one of its past presidents and chairman of its board. He remains active in forensic investigations and expert testimony. Paul and his wife of more than 50 years live in Hillsborough, California, where he served on its town council for 12 years, including as mayor. The Forensic is his debut as an author.

His wealth was legendary. His passions were bizarre. Now, the truth about the money, the madness, and the man behind the enigma. Howard Hughes is one of the best known and least understood men of our times--famed for his wealth, his daring, and his descent into madness. Bestselling biographer Charles Higham goes beyond the enigma to reveal the incredible private life of Howard Hughes: * his romances with the great stars of Hollywood--Katharine Hepburn, Bette Davis, Cary Grant, Tyrone Power, and numerous others * his forays into sadomasochism * his involvement with Richard Nixon and Watergate * his bizarre final years This is a compelling portrait of a unique American figure--in a story as revealing as it is unforgettable.

Terry Moore, film star and Hughes' former wife, brings to life the lusty, steamy, romantic side of this enigmatic figure, revealing a gentler side of the man remembered by most people solely for his eccentricities and personal excesses. From the gutter to the glitter of Hollywood on opening night, their time together was the stuff of which dreams were made. Photos.

An incredible true tale of espionage and engineering set at the height of the Cold War—a mix between The Hunt for Red October and Argo—about how the CIA, the U.S. Navy, and America’s most eccentric mogul spent six years and nearly a billion dollars to steal the nuclear-armed Soviet submarine K-129 after it had sunk to the bottom of the Pacific Ocean; all while the Russians were watching. In the early hours of February 25, 1968, a Russian submarine armed with three nuclear ballistic missiles set sail from its base in Siberia on a routine combat patrol to Hawaii. Then it vanished. As the Soviet Navy searched in vain for the lost vessel, a small, highly classified American operation using sophisticated deep-sea spy equipment found it—wrecked on the sea floor at a depth of 16,800 feet, far beyond the capabilities of any salvage that existed. But the potential intelligence assets onboard the ship—the nuclear warheads, battle orders, and cryptological machines—justified going to extreme lengths to find a way to raise the submarine. So began Project Azorian, a top-secret mission that took six years, cost an estimated \$800 million, and would become the largest and most daring covert operation in CIA history. After the U.S. Navy declared retrieving the sub “impossible,” the mission fell to the CIA’s burgeoning Directorate of Science and Technology, the little-known division responsible for the legendary U-2 and SR-71 Blackbird spy planes. Working with Global Marine Systems, the country’s foremost maker of exotic, deep-sea drilling vessels, the CIA commissioned the most expensive ship ever built and told the world that it belonged to the reclusive billionaire Howard Hughes, who would use the mammoth ship to mine rare minerals from the ocean floor. In reality, a complex network of spies, scientists, and politicians attempted a project even crazier than Hughes’s reputation: raising the sub directly under the watchful eyes of the Russians. The Taking of K-129 is a riveting, almost unbelievable true-life tale of military history, engineering genius, and high-stakes spy-craft set during the height of the Cold War, when nuclear annihilation was a constant fear, and the opportunity to gain even the slightest advantage over your enemy was worth massive risk.

American Legends

The Life, Legend, and Madness of Howard Hughes

The Women, the Mormons, the Mafia

The Passions of Howard Hughes

The Sum of Us

Verl Frehner’s book, The Mysterious Howard Hughes Revealed, is a revealing new book, on a somewhat seasoned subject. It is an extensive and comprehensive work about the life of Howard Robert Hughes. It is biographical in nature and is thought to contain the most complete, in-depth, far-reaching, and extensive first-hand personal information available about him. As such, it promises to provide the reader with numerous additional insights into this man. Under normal circumstances this book about Howard Hughes would normally have been written years ago. Despite this, the mystery and intrigue attributed to him has only partially mellowed with the passing of time. The “wall of reclusiveness” that he created to isolate himself from the media produced a shortage of information about him that still “begs” to be satisfied. The content of this book accomplishes what most people want to know about him—what he thought, what he said, what he felt, what he did, and what he was about, in his everyday business and private-time activities. Much of the basic information in The Mysterious Howard Hughes Revealed comes from a confidential employee to Howard Hughes named Chuck Waldron, who shares, in a very respectful and forthright manner, some of the very human characteristics that Howard Hughes possessed. It is through this “confidential employee,” and many other sources of information, that the reader is allowed to see the strengths, weaknesses, and even the oddities of Howard Hughes. By design, the thrust of this story begins on January 1, 1970, and tells of the last seven years, three months, and four days in his life, until his death on April 5, 1976 (Howard Hughes’ most reclusive years). Against this framework there is much more information included and inserted in the numerous “flashbacks” about his personal life found in records, recordings, stories, and historical events that parallel his entire life and adds significantly to the Howard Hughes story. Because of his reclusiveness it was difficult for people to really get to know him. As a result of this book, those who read it will come away with the feeling that they know Howard Hughes.

“...Howard Hughes never wrote his autobiography...what you are about to read is actually a hoax...Irving was already a best-selling author when, in late 1970, he hit upon the idea of faking the autobiography of Howard Hughes...”--Foreword.

...well documented and researched...Boxes is definitely a fascinating read and a must read for anyone who is at all curious about Howard Hughes' life. brThis second edition of Boxes: The Secret Life of Howard Hughes continues the history-changing story of Eva McLelland and her reclusive life married to a mystery man she discovered was Howard Hughes.brEva McLelland kept her secret for thirty-one stressful years as she lived a nomadic existence with a man who refused to unpack his belongings for fear he would be discovered and have to flee. Only her husband’s death finally released her to tell the story that had been burning inside her for decades.

This newly revised and expanded edition of Howard Hughes chronicles the life and legacies of one of the most intriguing and accomplished Americans of the twentieth century. Hughes, born into wealth thanks to his father’s innovative drill bit that transformed the oil industry, put his inheritance to work in multiple ways, from producing big-budget Hollywood movies to building the world’s fastest and largest airplanes. Hughes set air speed records and traveled around the world in record time, earning ticker-tape parades in three cities in 1938. Later, he moved to Las Vegas and invested heavily in casinos. He bought seven resorts, in each case helping to loosen organized crime’s grip on Nevada’s lifeblood industry. Although the public viewed Hughes as a heroic and independent-minded trailblazer, behind closed doors he

suffered from germophobia, obsessive-compulsive disorder, and an addiction to painkillers. He became paranoid and reclusive, surrounding himself with a small cadre of loyal caretakers. As executives battled each other over his empire, Hughes' physical and mental health deteriorated to the point where he lost control of his business affairs. This second edition includes more insider details on Hughes' personal interactions with actresses, journalists, and employees. New chapters provide insights into Hughes's involvement with the mob, his ownership and struggles as the majority shareholder of TWA and the wide-ranging activities of Hughes Aircraft Company, Hughes's critical role in the Glomar Explorer CIA project (a deep-sea drillship platform built to recover the Soviet submarine K-129), and more. Based on in-depth interviews with individuals who knew and worked with Hughes, this fascinating biography provides a colorful and comprehensive look at Hughes—from his life and career to his final years and lasting influence. This penetrating depiction of the man behind the curtain demonstrates Hughes's legacy, and enduring impact on popular culture.

Howard, the Amazing Mr. Hughes

Power, Paranoia, and Palace Intrigue, Revised and Expanded

Howard Hughes: The Secret Life

The Secret Life of Howard Hughes

Howard Hughes My Story

Presents a selection of more than ten thousand previously unpublished internal documents of the Hughes organization, including three thousand pages of the billionaire's own handwritten memos, which reveal his innermost activities and how he tried to buy t

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Howard Hughes: His Life and MadnessW. W. Norton & Company

Penetrating the mythology surrounding the bizarre life of the billionaire businessman, a Pulitzer Prize-winning investigative team portrays Howard Hughes as a man who, in time, came to be ruled by his

madness

The Asylum of Howard Hughes

The Mysterious Howard Hughes Revealed

Sex, Lies, and Stardom in Howard Hughes's Hollywood

Empire: the Life, Legend, and Madness of Howard Hughes

Hell's Angel

In this highly acclaimed novel, the author of Permanent Midnight channels fallen early-Hollywood star Roscoe "Fatty" Arbuckle. Fatty tells his own story of success, addiction, and a precipitous fall from grace after being framed for a brutal crime—a national scandal for those so familiar today.

Set amid descriptions of the unimaginable changes that affected America between Hughes's birth in 1905 and his death in 1976, this book gives an insider's perspective about what money can buy, and what it can't.

Wealth. Influence. Magnetism. Mystery. In twentieth century America, one man alone embodied all these qualities in their purest form. During a life which read like the wildest imaginings of a Hollywood scriptwriter, Howard Hughes - billionaire tycoon, pioneer movie mogul - became a totem of fascination around the globe. In his twilight years, the mystery surrounding him intensified when he became a total recluse, hiding himself away in shady hotel suites for more than a decade. Some believed him to be dead; others

really knew the truth - just as Hughes preferred.The ambiguity surrounding him spawned one of the first modern media obsessions. Speculation abounded, from the business pages of broadsheets through international magazine articles down to the sidewalk

there were few books written about Hughes' fascinating life - a life which was rumoured to be on the brink of ruin. So New York author and journalist Clifford Irving set out to do what no one else had done before.In late 1970, Irving ran into an old friend and

two men struck up a conversation about the legendary Hughes, whose recent shadowy globetrotting had caused a sensation in newspapers around the world. It was this conversation that gave Irving the idea to write the 'autobiography' of Howard Hughes

that he had the direct input of Hughes himself, his colleagues and friends, Irving wrote his book, interweaving accurate research with outlandish fiction, and sold it to a publisher for a record advance of \$1m, hitting headlines around the world..But eventually

unmasked as a hoax. Irving went to prison and the sensational manuscript, described as 'the most famous unpublished book of the century', lay untouched for over 30 years - until now. For the first time, here is the incredible, unexpurgated life story of one

*Includes pictures *Includes Hughes' quotes *Includes a bibliography for further reading. "My father told me, never have partners." - Howard Hughes "I'm not a paranoid deranged millionaire." - Howard Hughes Howard Hughes lived a life that was quintessentially

history was so varied, improbable and extraordinary that he practically resembled a living folk hero. Hughes was barely in his 20s during America's Roaring Twenties, but he already began to command the nation's headlines as a multi-talented millionaire, and

and wealth afforded him made him nearly impossible to ignore. In the '20s and '30s, the most famous people in the country were generally gangsters, jazz musicians, inventors, baseball players, Hollywood stars or flying aces, and by the end of the '30s, the

arguably four of those; perhaps learning to play jazz or hit home runs seemed greedy at that point. After receiving a handsome inheritance in his teens, Howard made himself into one of the world's first billionaires by the time he was in middle age, so he climbed

the age of 20, Hughes took no pleasure in rest or success, and his accomplishments were just as unique as the man himself. He made Oscar-nominated films while simultaneously becoming the fastest man on the planet by setting airspeed records in a plane

became a national celebrity, he displayed little interest in other people. A consummate loner, he rarely interacted with the elite social circles to which he had access unless business necessitated it, instead surrounding himself with employees to carry out the

designs into reality, cobble together his film productions, and organize the disparate parts of his life according to his precise specifications. He was known to millions and managed a diverse empire but was a friend to no one. Perhaps not surprisingly, a heavy

involved romance. Hughes was one of the most notorious womanizers in Hollywood, romancing scores of forgettable starlets and silver screen icons alike, but most of his affairs also remained impersonal, to the extent that he remained an enigma even to his

vigor and dynamism that made his astonishing accomplishments possible, Hughes ultimately descended into madness, ravaged by physical and psychological maladies that left him a caricature of what he had been at the zenith of his feats. Fittingly, the catastrophe

fall, when one of his heralded airplanes tumbled out of the sky and brought him back down to Earth in a nearly fatal crash. The maverick billionaire was a famous figure in America for no less than half a century, but his true influence over the nation's fate was

Despite the acrimonious way his unfulfilled airplane contracts were resolved at the end of World War II, while the Cold War raged, Howard continued to make a small fortune off government contracts by secretly supplying the Central Intelligence Agency with

played a significant role in the most infamous political scandal of the century (Watergate), but even as the scandal transfixed the country, much like his own post-war Senate hearings a quarter century earlier, Hughes was never mentioned in the extensive

Life of Howard Hughes chronicles the incredible life of one of America's most eccentric geniuses. Along with pictures of important people, places, and events, you will learn about Howard Hughes like never before.

Howard Hughes: The Mysterious Billionaire

Aviator

Howard Hughes

How the CIA, a Brilliant Attorney and a Young CPA Brought Down Howard Hughes

The Forensic