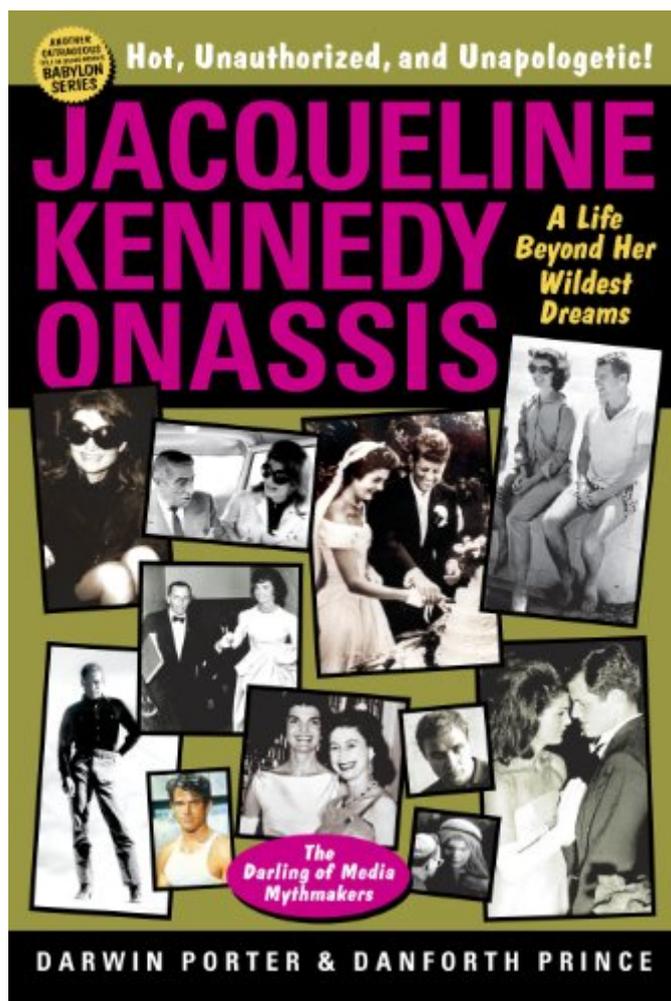


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Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis: A Life Beyond Her Wildest Dreams (Blood Moon's Babylon Series)



Synopsis

God had a talent for creating exceptional women--Helen of Troy and Cleopatra come to mind. So does Jacqueline Bouvier Kennedy Onassis, who lives again in this "warts-and-all" portrait. It's being released on the 20th anniversary of the tragic death, in 1994, of the icon who changed America's beliefs about what a woman of style, power, and influence could accomplish "behind the throne" of men whose careers changed the course of history. During her tumultuous life, she zealously guarded her privacy and her secrets, but in the wake of her death, more and more revelations have emerged about her frustrations, her rage, her passions, her towering strengths, and her delicate fragility, which she hid from the glare of the world behind oversized sunglasses. Within this posthumous biography, a three-dimensional woman emerges through the compilation of some 1,000 eyewitness testimonials from men and women who knew her over a period of decades. The public epitome of charm, grace, and elegance, the private, chain-smoking Jackie was known for her sharp wit and her acid tongue, dissing some of the great men and women she encountered. Examples include such figures as Nancy Reagan (â œI heard she used to give the best head in Hollywood when she was a starlet at MGMâ •); Queen Elizabeth II (â œpompous, stuffy, a heavy trip, and seriously pissed off at me for turning on Philipâ •); or Martin Luther King, Jr. (â œa terrible man and a tricky, phony, skirt-chaser and race baiterâ •). This outspoken testimonial to the flimsier side of Camelot, defined by the 2015 BEACH BOOK AWARDS as BEST BIOGRAPHY OF THE YEAR, contains a cornucopia of gossip and intrigue, including details about Jackie's scandalous love affairs with her two brothers-in-law (Bobby and Teddy), and her penchant for movie star seductions (Warren Beatty, Paul Newman, William Holden). Also detailed are her famous feuds with Grace Kelly, Marilyn Monroe, and Maria Callas; her almost unknown love affairs with Spain's greatest matador and with Peter Lawford; her night in Georgetown coping with LBJ's aborted seduction; her friend Rudolf Nureyev's pursuit of both her and Bobby; her interchanges with Lem Billings, JFK's homosexual â œFirst Friendâ • whom Bobby defined as â œJack's other wifeâ •); her blood feud with Christina Onassis; her sibling rivalry with Lee Radziwill; her illicit affair with a senator nicknamed â œGorgeous George; her love-hate relationship with Frank Sinatra; and her Italian fling with Fiat's kingpin, Gianni Agnelli, who taught her all about La Dolce Vita during the summer of 1962. Conceived in direct and sometimes defiant contrast to the avalanche of more breathlessly respectful testimonials to the life and legacy of â œAmerica's Queen,â • this book is the latest installment in Blood Moon's endlessly irreverent BABYLON series.

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Customer Reviews

I've always been an admirer of the great style that Jacqueline always had and the class she brought to the White House as First Lady. After reading this book, I know think that she deserved and Oscar for her wonderful performance. "A Life Beyond Her Wildest Dreams" is an amazingly candid look at how the wealthy live, and I don't envy them one bit. Jacqueline grew up with a bitter, domineering, money-hungry mother, and philandering, alcoholic father, and both parents were abusive to Jackie in their own way. How Jackie managed to rise above both them and make something of herself is amazing. Sure she might have looked for love in all the wrong places. She married for money, and she paid for it many times over, but through it all she was a role model for our country when we needed one, and she's still my favorite first lady. The hypocrisy of the upper class is truly stunning. To think that these are the sort of people that we look up to is sad. It's almost as if they feel that they are above the rules that we all have to live by. I'd recommend this book for no other reason than to see that living a middle class life, putting family first, is far better than being rich and famous (and don't even get me started on the reality queens). The writing in this book is compelling, and though the book is long and detail, I couldn't put it down. The only flaw I found was that sometimes an event would be repeated (I think because of the dual authorship), and the timeline jumped around

somewhat. Jackie lived large in a world where the stakes were high. I didn't look at her life as immoral, it struck me that that Jackie was just trying to survive, using the skills she was born with to great success.

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