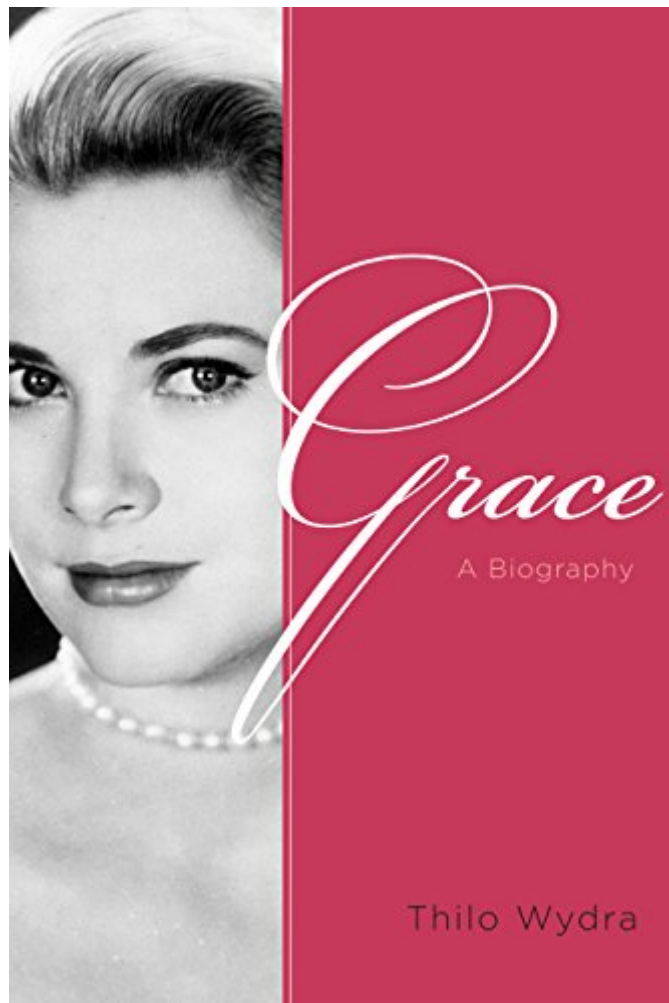


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Grace: A Biography



Synopsis

Thirty years ago, Grace Kelly was tragically killed when her vehicle tumbled forty meters from the serpentine roads of Monaco. She has since become a myth, a style icon existing between the glamour of Hollywood and the royalty of Monaco. As Hitchcock's favorite actress to work with, Kelly acted in classic films including *Rear Window* and *To Catch a Thief*, opposite actors such as Frank Sinatra and Cary Grant. Yet her private life remained in the shadows. Her marriage to Prince Rainier III was not anchored by love, and her life on the Riviera was more akin to a golden cage. She was an individual torn between illusion and reality, simultaneously idolized by millions. This comprehensive biography draws from previously unreleased documents from the Grimaldi family archive and, for the first time, access to the letters between Kelly and Hitchcock. It is also based on interviews with Kelly's companions and relatives, including an exclusive interview with Prince Albert II of Monaco.

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Customer Reviews

This was well written. Grace Kelly had always been some what of a mystery to me. This book delves into the personal side of the woman. Who would have guessed at her life as a star or as a princess? I enjoyed the read. I don't want to spoil the book for anyone, so I will just say there were some surprises for me.

Everything I wanted to know, and then some. I will be looking for more books about Princess Grace. She was an amazingly brave woman!

This is a very good book.

I completely enjoyed this book. I am from Pennsylvania and vacation in Ocean City, New Jersey. I know for sure a great deal of the early part of this biography is accurate. The objective information about her movies, as far as I know, is accurate. I also love the related information about movies, actors, directors, etc... Clearly, Alfred Hitchcock, one of the greatest directors had the highest regard for Grace Kelly. This relationship predates Grace Kelly becoming "Princess Grace" and is based on Grace Kelly's abilities as an actress. The author also gave an analysis on High Noon with a perspective that I had never heard before. The author talked about High Noon being an allegory on McCarthyism. The author correctly pointed out that the movie was based on the short story, The Tin Star. I have read that story and the movie is significantly different and better. Changing books and short stories for movies is common. But I had never thought about these changes in this manner. The author gives similar analysis on other movies such as "Dial M for Murder". It cost a little bit of extra money, but I listened to the book on audible book while I read it on Kindle, I purchased the book on Kindle and was able to add audio for a small amount. I am glad I did that. The reading was exactly word for word. I am not sure why, but it added to the reading experience for me.

A true lady that lived a fairy tale but only in the imagination of the public. She proved to be a real person with faults & insecurities. I wanted her to live happily ever after but it was not to be. So many things in common with Princess Diana it was uncannily. The book though I felt dealt too much with her movie career & a lot of details there. But, that is what it was advertised as so I shouldn't have been surprised.

Very interesting! So much I didn't know about her and it appears she sacrificed a lot!

I could not get past the ancient history of the family. Have tried twice but will probably try again, skipping that part, when I need a book to read. Might be good but the beginning just drags.

This is the first bio I have read on Grace Kelly, thus I have nothing to base a comparison to as far as accuracy is concerned. However, I found the book to be a bit tedious to read as the chronology was a bit all over the place and the editing was rough. A lot of detail went into her lineage and movies, but the detail was lacking on her life behind the scenes as a Princess. Overall, I would consider this a decent read if you are a fan.

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