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*If this was Happiness Crown*

A brilliant investigation into the debates surrounding Marilyn Monroe's life and the cultural attitudes that her legend reveals. There are many Marylins: sex goddess and innocent child, crafty manipulator and dumb blonde, liberated woman and tragic loner. Indeed, the writing and rewriting of this endlessly intriguing icon's life has produced more than six hundred books, from the long procession of "authoritative" biographies to the memoirs and plays by ex-husband Arthur Miller and the works by Norman Mailer and Joyce Carol Oates. But even as the books have multiplied, myth, reality, fact, fiction, and gossip have become only more intertwined; there is still no agreement about such fundamental questions as Marilyn's given name, the identity of her father, whether she was molested as a child, and how and why she died. The *Many Lives of Marilyn Monroe* reviews the unreliable and unverifiable—but highly significant—stories that have framed the greatest Hollywood legend. All the while, cultural critic Sarah Churchwell reveals us to ourselves: our conflicted views on women, our tormented sexual attitudes, our ambivalence about success, our fascination with self-destruction. In incisive and passionate prose, Churchwell uncovers the shame, belittlement, and anxiety that we bring to the story of a woman we supposedly adore. In the process, she rescues a Marilyn Monroe who is far more complicated and credible than the one we think we know.

***LIFE Remembering Marilyn* Canongate Books**

The story of Marilyn Monroe.

Prince Charming W. W. Norton & Company

Fragments is an event—an unforgettable book that will redefine one of the greatest icons of the twentieth century and that, nearly fifty years after her death, will definitively reveal Marilyn Monroe's humanity. Marilyn's image is so universal that we can't help but believe we know all there is to know of her. Every word and gesture made headlines and garnered controversy. Her serious gifts as an actor were sometimes eclipsed by her notoriety—and by the way the camera fell helplessly in love with her. Beyond the headlines—and the too-familiar stories of heartbreak and desolation—was a woman far more curious, searching, witty, and hopeful than the one the world got to know. Now, for the first time, readers can meet the private Marilyn and understand her in a way we never have before. *Fragments* is an unprecedented collection of written artifacts—notes to herself, letters, even poems—in Marilyn's own handwriting, never before published, along with rarely seen intimate photos. Jotted in notebooks, typed on paper, or

written on hotel letterhead, these texts reveal a woman who loved deeply and strove to perfect her craft. They show a Marilyn Monroe unsparing in her analysis of her own life, but also playful, funny, and impossibly charming. The easy grace and deceptive lightness that made her performances indelible emerge on the page, as does the simmering tragedy that made her last appearances so affecting.

***Marilyn Monroe: Metamorphosis* Simon and Schuster**

Based on access to a wealth of a new material gleaned from her own writings; from documents at the schools she attended; from the archives of the John F. Kennedy Library; and from interviews with those who knew her best.

***Marilyn's Last Sessions* Weidenfeld & Nicolson**

Celebrity photographer Milton H. Greene was Marilyn Monroe's confidante, business partner, and dear friend for many years. His pictures collected here reflect the many moods of a woman who was as simply beautiful as she was deeply complicated. 109 color illustrations. 105 duotones.

***Marilyn Farrar*, Straus and Giroux**

This biography includes primary material which makes sense of the Kennedy saga as an integral part of Marilyn's life. Previous biographies have relied on secondary sources and gossip.

Leaming, by contrast, is writing a serious biography revealing the gripping story that is the make up of Monroe.

***Marilyn Monroe* William Morrow**

Presents a series of interlinking stories that capture the lives and fortunes of the various occupants of an old Massachusetts house over the course of two centuries.

***Marilyn Monroe* Simon and Schuster**

There have been many Marilyn Monroe photo books—but nothing like this. Curator and photographic preservationist David Wills has amassed one of the world's largest independent archives of original Marilyn Monroe photographs. Now, in *Marilyn Monroe: Metamorphosis*, he has gathered spectacular, museum-quality work from Marilyn's key photographers—Richard Avedon, George Barris, Cecil Beaton, Bernard of Hollywood, Andre de Dienes, Elliott Erwitt, Milton Greene, Philippe Halsman, Tom Kelley, Douglas Kirkland, Willy Rizzo, Sam Shaw, and many others—to create this dazzling portfolio of images from every period of Marilyn Monroe's adult life, from her wedding day in 1942 till just weeks before her death two decades later. *Marilyn Monroe: Metamorphosis* pays homage to her continually evolving style and extraordinary beauty. Among the highlights: Previously unseen Kodachrome, dye transfer, and Carbro prints of Norma Jeane from her modeling career. Classic portraits and pinups in luscious full color, digitally restored from the original transparencies. Never-before-seen photos from the sets of *The Seven Year Itch*, *Some Like It Hot*, *The Misfits*, and *Something's Got to Give*. Rare candid of Marilyn with Marlon Brando, Clark Gable, Humphrey Bogart, Lauren Bacall, Ronald and Nancy Reagan, Queen Elizabeth II, Joe DiMaggio, Arthur Miller, and others. Previously unpublished photos by Richard Avedon, George Barris, Cecil Beaton, David Conover, Elliott Erwitt, John Florea, Tom Kelley, Richard C. Miller, Frank Powolny, Willy Rizzo, Zinn Arthur, and many others. Pairing more than two hundred first-generation photos with reflections on Marilyn from her friends, work

associates, and admirers—and including her last interview, in which she reflects on her life and fame—Marilyn Monroe:

*Metamorphosis* is an unforgettable showcase of the actress's transformation from an unknown factory worker to one of the most recognized faces in history.

*Marilyn Monroe* Random House

Marilyn Monroe's death has been shrouded in decades of deception, conspiracy, and lies. Donald H. Wolfe has written a startling portrait of the twentieth century's greatest film star that not only redefines her place in entertainment history but also reveals the secret conspiracy that surrounded her last days. In *The Last Days of Marilyn Monroe*, Wolfe confirms that the tragic actress was a homicide victim. He documents the mode of death, and names those involved and those who participated in the cover-up. Filled with documented revelations, eye-opening information about the dark secret in Marilyn's relationship with John and Robert Kennedy, and shocking details about the many bizarre events that took place at Marilyn's home the day she died, Donald H. Wolfe's remarkable book is the culmination of more than seven years of research. It will change forever the way we view the life—and death—of this great star.

*Jack Kennedy: The Education of a Statesman* Abrams

An account of the friendships and forces that shaped JFK's presidency documents how the relationships and rivalries forged during his college years played pivotal roles in American history, in a volume that offers insight into the sources of Kennedy's intellectual beliefs as well as his presidential goals. Reprint.

*Ball of Fire* Macmillan

Based on letters by Hepburn, her friends and family, as well as on interviews with Katharine Hepburn herself, this biography is a compelling saga, a love story, and a family story that brings alive three generations of fearless women.

*Mrs Kennedy* Macmillan

4.25 am, 5 August 1962, West Los Angeles Police Department 'Marilyn Monroe has died of an overdose', a man's voice says dully. And when the stunned policeman asked 'What?', the same voice struggled to repeat 'Marilyn Monroe has died. She has committed suicide.' If life were scripted like the movies, this extraordinary phone call would have been made by the most important man in Marilyn Monroe's life – Dr Ralph Greenson, her final psychoanalyst. During her last years Marilyn had come to rely on Greenson more and more. She met with him almost every day. He was her analyst, her friend and her confessor. He was the last person to see her alive, and the first to see her dead. In this highly acclaimed novel, Marilyn's last years – and her last sessions on Dr Greenson's couch – are brilliantly recreated. This is the story of the world's most famous and elusive actress, and the world she inhabited, surrounded by such figures as Arthur Miller, Truman Capote and John Huston. It is a remarkable piece of storytelling that illuminates one of the greatest icons of the twentieth century.

*The Murder of Marilyn Monroe* HarperCollins

It's 1960, and a seventeen-year old girl is alone in London. While working as a dancer in a club, she meets a jaded society doctor who introduces her to rich and powerful men. But Christine Keeler is much more than just another empty-headed beauty. Privy to secrets that threaten the heart of government, she is hunted down and forced to tell the truth as she sees it. 'Wicked Baby' is a novella based on the events of the Profumo Affair, a tale of innocence corrupted that dares to imagine the complex desires and motives behind a very English scandal.

*Marilyn* iUniverse

New York Times bestselling author Barbara Leaming answers the question: What was it like to be Mrs. John F. Kennedy during the dramatic thousand days of the Kennedy presidency? Here for the

first time is the full story of the extravagant interplay of sex and politics that constitutes one of modern history's most spectacular dramas. Drawing from recently declassified top-secret material, as well as revelatory eyewitness accounts, Secret Service records, and Jacqueline Kennedy's personal letters, bestselling biographer Barbara Leaming answers the question: what was it like to be Mrs. John F. Kennedy during the dramatic thousand days of the Kennedy presidency? Brilliantly researched, Leaming's poignant and powerful chronicle illuminates the tumultuous day-to-day life of a woman who entered the White House at age thirty-one, seven years into a complex and troubled marriage, and left at thirty-four after her husband's assassination. Revealing the full story of the interplay of sex and politics in Washington, Mrs. Kennedy will indelibly challenge our vision of this fascinating woman, and bring a new perspective to her crucial role in the Kennedy presidency.

*Kick Kennedy* Harper Collins

In 1973, Norman Mailer published 'Marilyn', his celebrated in-depth account of the life of Marilyn Monroe, as a glossy, fully illustrated coffee-table tome. Now, it has been made available in an accessible mass-market paperback edition.

*Joe DiMaggio* Open Road Media

Published for the fiftieth anniversary of her tragic death, this definitive account dispels the rumors and sets the record straight on her last two years Marilyn Monroe passed away at the age of thirty-six under circumstances that have remained mysterious to this day. *Marilyn Monroe: The Final Years* separates the myths and rumors from the facts as Keith Badman takes readers through the concluding months of 1960 to that fateful day in August 1962. In this extraordinary book—the product of five years of exhaustive research—the author is both biographer and detective: Badman uncovers long-lost or previously unseen personal records, exclusive interviews, and eyewitness accounts that illuminate the final chapter of Marilyn's life as she navigates weight gain, drug use, an dpersonal turmoil, along with drama on the set of the ill-fated movie *Something's Got to Give*. Badman dispels popular beliefs, such as her supposed affairs with John and Bobby Kennedy. (Monroe only had a one-night stand with the president at Bing Crosby's house, and never with Bobby.) Readers learn the long-concealed identity of her biological father, who refused Marilyn's attempt to contact him in 1951—and was then repaid with her apathy ten years later when he attempted to contact her. The author also reveals the details of her famous "last Sitting" with photographer Bert Stern (which was not her last photo shoot) and describes the horror she endured after being tricked into being institutionalized at the Payne-Whitney Psychiatric Clinic, from which ex-husband Joe DiMaggio had to pull strings to secure her release. Perhaps most shockingly, we learn of the regrettable incident in which a drunken Monroe was sexually exploited by mobsters at a Lake Tahoe hotel co-owned by Frank Sinatra. Finally contrary to the salacious rumors that Marilyn was suicidal or the victim of a murder and cover-up, Badman discloses new information about her final days alive and reveals, in unequivocal detail, evidence that indicates Monroe's death was accidental. Above it all, Badman pays homage to Monroe by rescuing her final months from the realm of wild and sensationalized allegations popularized by those who sought to gain from them. *Marilyn Monroe: The Final Years* sheds new light on an immortal movie legend.

*Glamour: 30 Years of Women Who Have Reshaped the World* Grand Central Publishing

The instant New York Times and USA Today bestseller! The untold

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story of how one woman's life was changed forever in a matter of seconds by a horrific trauma. Barbara Leaming's extraordinary and deeply sensitive biography is the first book to document Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis' brutal, lonely and valiant thirty-one year struggle with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) that followed JFK's assassination. Here is the woman as she has never been seen before. In heartrending detail, we witness a struggle that unfolded at times before our own eyes, but which we failed to understand. Leaming's biography also makes clear the pattern of Jackie's life as a whole. We see how a spirited young woman's rejection of a predictable life led her to John F. Kennedy and the White House, how she sought to reconcile the conflicts of her marriage and the role she was to play, and how the trauma of her husband's murder which left her soaked in his blood and brains led her to seek a very different kind of life from the one she'd previously sought. A life story that has been scrutinized countless times, seen here for the first time as the serious and important story that it is. A story for our times at a moment when we as a nation need more than ever to understand the impact of trauma.

Wicked Baby Wheeler Publishing, Incorporated

This is the life story of Joe DiMaggio, including his first game with the New York Yankees in the 1930s, his marriage to Marilyn Monroe & his rise to hero status. Richard Ben Cramer tells of the ways in which fame can both build & destroy.

**Jacqueline Bouvier Kennedy Onassis** Simon and Schuster

A stunning biography of Jackie Kennedy, centred around the dramatic thousand days of John F. Kennedy's presidency.

**The Many Lives of Marilyn Monroe** Dey Street Books

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simply not a part of her life. However, that was not true. In fact,

her mentally ill mother was very much present in Marilyn's world

and the complex family dynamic that unfolded behind the scenes

is a story that has never before been told...until now. In this

groundbreaking book, Taraborrelli draws complex and

sympathetic portraits of the women so influential in the actress'

life, including her mother, her foster mother, and her legal

guardian. He also reveals, for the first time, the shocking scope of

Marilyn's own mental illness, the identity of Marilyn's father and

the half-brother she never knew, and new information about her

relationship with the Kennedy's-Bobby, Jack, and Pat Kennedy

Lawford. Explosive, revelatory, and surprisingly moving, this is

the final word on the life of one of the most fascinating and

elusive icons of the 20th Century.