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Alfred Hitchcock a Brief Life by Peter Ackroyd

Read by Gildart Jackson

10 hours, 35 minutes

Novelist and biographer tackles the life of the famous director, known as a master of suspense. Looks at Hitchcock's childhood, and how it might have influenced his dark cinematic vision. Each of his films is examined, with behind-the-scenes stories. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2015.

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Boulevard of Broken Dreams the Life, Times, and Legend of James Dean by Paul Alexander

Read by Barry Bernson

8 hours, 52 minutes

In 1955 twenty-four-year-old actor James Dean died in an automobile crash. Although he acted in only three movies, Dean is considered by some to be "The greatest actor that ever lived." Alexander claims that Dean had multiple homosexual relationships and attributes Dean's popularity in part to his sexual appeal to both genders. Some strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex.

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Home A Memoir of My Early Years by Julie Andrews

Read by Jill Ferris

13 hours, 24 minutes

British actress describes growing up a child star with her vaudevillian mother and stepfather. by book's end she has given a royal command performance, acted in Broadway's Camelot and My Fair Lady, is married with a child, and is heading to Hollywood in 1963 to film Mary Poppins. Bestseller. 2008.

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The Secret Life of Tyrone Power by Hector Arce

Read by Dick Brehm

10 hours, 15 minutes

Biography reconstructs the anguished private life of the handsome, genteel actor. Though Power was an active bisexual who seemed primarily attracted to males, he also had three wives and numerous affairs with women.

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Steps in Time by Fred Astaire

Read by Ray Hagen

9 hours, 28 minutes

Beginning with his first childhood role as a dancing lobster, the author traces his life and career in show business.

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Lauren Bacall By Myself by Lauren Bacall

Read by Yvonne Fair Tessler

19 hours, 16 minutes

Here, in her own words is the life of the actress and her break in Hollywood stardom. She tells of her years as Mrs. Humphrey Bogart and Bogie's death from cancer; her failed marriage to Jason Robards; her children and herself. Some strong language.

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By Myself and Then Some by Lauren Bacall

Read by Barbara Pinolini

24 hours, 3 minutes

Award-winning actress recaps her early years, Hollywood career, marriage to Humphrey Bogart, and widowhood first explored in *Lauren Bacall by Myself* (RC 13275). Summarizes the later part of her life including her marriage to Jason Robards and reminisces about lifelong friends and her work in the theater. Bestseller. 2005.

[Download from BARD: *By Myself and Then Some*](#)

Also available on digital cartridge DB060081

Kate Remembered by A. Scott Berg

Read by Michael Russotto

11 hours, 46 minutes

Berg's memoir of his twenty-year personal dialog with Academy Award-winning actress Katharine Hepburn (1907-2003). He recalls her reminiscences about her family, her acting career, and her relationship with Spencer Tracy, along with his own memories of his time spent with her. Bestseller. 2003.

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Ingrid Bergman, My Story by Ingrid Bergman

Read by Yvonne Fair Tessler

18 hours, 33 minutes

Candid self-portrait of the popular stage and screen actress who lost favor with the American public when she left her husband and child for the Italian director Roberto Rossellini. Her exile from Hollywood lasted sixteen years, when she went from Number One at the box office to near oblivion. She writes of Garbo, Bogart, Cooper; her three marriages; and her bout with cancer.

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Bogart in Search of My Father by Stephen Humphrey Bogart

Read by Jeff Baker

8 hours, 32 minutes

A son's portrait of the famous actor. Stephen Humphrey Bogart reminisces about his childhood and his father's death when Stephen was eight years old. The author recalls trying to escape his father's shadow. He also draws upon interviews with his mother, Lauren Bacall, and other Hollywood stars. Strong language.

[Download from BARD: Bogart in Search of My Father](#)

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Burt Lancaster an American Life by Kate Buford

Read by Barbara Pinolini

22 hours, 14 minutes

Commentator for National Public Radio chronicles Burt Lancaster's public and private life, beginning with his childhood in East Harlem. Describes his decision to forgo a college scholarship during the depression to take a job as a circus performer. Continues with his lucky break into films. Some strong language. 2000.

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Barbara Stanwyck the Miracle Woman by Dan Callahan

Read by Ray Hagen

12 hours, 4 minutes

Biography of legendary actress Barbara Stanwyck (1907-1990) chronicles her rise from a chorus girl in the 1920s to a Hollywood star in the 1930s, 40s, and 50s. Discusses her work with prominent directors such as John Ford and Frank Capra and her later career in television. 2012.

[Download from BARD: Barbara Stanwyck the Miracle Woman](#)

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Please Don't Shoot My Dog: the Autobiography of Jackie Cooper by Jackie Cooper

Read by Andy Chappell

12hours, 2 minutes

The former child actor offers candid account of his multifaceted career. He tells of his successes as an entertainer during World War II, as an actor on Broadway, and later as a TV director and producer. There are sketches of such figures as Bing Crosby, Wallace Beery, Judy Garland, and Harpo Marx. 1981.

[Download from BARD: Please Don't Shoot My Dog: the Autobiography...](#)

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Spencer Tracy, Tragic Idol by Bill Davidson

Read by Jon Beryl

6 hours, 25 minutes

Biography of the talented Hollywood actor with sketches of his youth in Milwaukee, his early marriage, and his young manhood. Davidson discusses Tracy's alcoholism and tries to reconcile the often drunken, contentious Tracy with his compassionate persona. Such coworkers as Sid Caesar, Elizabeth Taylor, Gene Kelly, Pat O'Brien, and Elia Kazan tell of their relationships and experiences with Tracy. Some strong language.

[Download from BARD: Spencer Tracy, Tragic Idol](#)

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This 'n That by Bette Davis

Read by Madelyn Buzzard

5 hours, 15 minutes

Stinging anecdotes of the actress's career emphasize her determination and courage. Begins with Davis's mastectomy and stroke in 1983 and chronicles her recovery, along with flashbacks and observations on an often turbulent personal life. The book ends with an open letter to her daughter, B.D. Hyman, who has been feuding with her. Some strong language. Bestseller 1987.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB025983

Duke the Life and Image of John Wayne by Ronald L. Davis

Read by Michael Consoli

16 hours, 30 minutes

Biography of movie star John Wayne, who began his Hollywood career as a summer prop mover for actor Tom Mix at Fox Studios. Wayne was befriended by director John Ford and soon realized that a career as an actor was more interesting than that of the lawyer he had left home to become. After ten years of hard work, Wayne was a popular screen personality.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB046583

Why Me? The Sammy Davis, Jr. Story by Sammy Davis

Read by Jane Boyar

13 hours, 29 minutes

Davis follows up on his memoir "Yes, I can (RC 14965)" with a discussion of his problems with the IRS, drugs, alcohol, marriage, family life, and racial discord, and how he dealt with them. He also describes his relationships with such notables as Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, John and Robert Kennedy, Martin Luther King, Jr., and Jesse Jackson. Some strong language.

[Download from BARD: Why Me? The Sammy Davis, Jr. Story](#)

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Andy and Don the Making of a Friendship and a Classic American TV Show by Daniel De Visé

Read by Robert Sams

11 hours, 49 minutes

A journalist provides a dual biography of actors Andy Griffith and Don Knotts, including stories of the making of The Andy Griffith Show. Utilizes interviews with costars, family, and friends to detail their personal lives and careers before and after appearing together in the iconic TV show. 2015.

[Download from BARD: Andy and Don the Making of a Friendship and...](#)

Also available on digital cartridge DB087442

Marlene by Marlene Dietrich

Read by Mary Woods

8 hours, 39 minutes

A revelation by the woman behind the legend. Marlene Dietrich was born into a wealthy German family, spoke three languages, was well read, and rose to stardom in the film industries of Europe and Hollywood. She became a United States citizen in 1937 and received the Medal of Freedom for entertaining Allied troops during World War II.

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The Ragman's Son an Autobiography by Kirk Douglas

Read by Bill Wallace

18 hours, 5 minutes

Actor Kirk Douglas was born Issur Danielovitch Demsky, son of a Russian-Jewish illiterate. He writes of his battle to overcome the poverty of his childhood, his struggle to become a Broadway actor, his time in the Navy during World War II, his movies and moviemaking, the women in his life, and his special love for his family. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. Bestseller. 1988.

[Download from BARD: The Ragman's Son an Autobiography](#)

Also available on digital cartridge DB28008

Cary Grant: A Biography by Marc Eliot

Read by Ray Hagen

17 hours, 25 minutes

Highlights the thirty-four-year film career of one of Hollywood's mid-twentieth-century leading male actors. Traces Grant's (1904-1986) family life and sexual ambivalence, evaluates his career including a monumental break with the studio system, and describes lengthy psychotherapy that included LSD treatments. Some strong language. 2004.

[Download from BARD: Cary Grant: A Biography](#)

Also available on digital cartridge DB060049

Charlton Heston Hollywood's Last Icon by Marc Eliot

Read by Robert Sams

19 hours, 3 minutes

Author of celebrity biographies tackles screen legend Heston (1923-2008). The author focuses on Heston's performances in films such as Ben Hur, but he also discusses the actor's political life, including his role as spokesperson for the National Rifle Association. Some strong language. 2017.

[Download from BARD: Charlton Heston Hollywood's Last Icon](#)

Also available on digital cartridge DB088738

Steve McQueen: a Biography by Marc Eliot

Read by Marc Eliot

11 hours

The author of biographies such as Cary Grant (DB 60049) tackles the subject of McQueen (1930-1980), star of films such as The Great Escape and Bullitt. Based on original research and interviews, the book covers McQueen's life, personal relationships, struggle with addictions, and career. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2011.

[Download from BARD: Steve McQueen a Biography](#)

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Hank and Jim the Fifty-Year Friendship of Henry Fonda and James Stewart by Scott Eyman

Read by David Colacci

12 hours, 53 minutes

Author of numerous works about Hollywood delivers a dual biography focusing on the friendship between two of the biggest stars in film. James Stewart and Henry Fonda were roommates when they were getting started on the New York stage, and they remained friends their entire lives. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2017.

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John Wayne the Life and Legend by Scott Eyman

Read by Jason Culp

28 hours, 35 minutes

Author of *Mary Pickford, America's Sweetheart* (DB 31374) and *Lion of Hollywood* (DB 61573) chronicles the life of screen legend John Wayne. Details Wayne's early years in Iowa and California, his life in Hollywood, and his personal relationships. Examines the mystique that grew up around him. Bestseller. 2014.

[Download from BARD: John Wayne the Life and Legend](#)

Also available on digital cartridge DB078778

Ava Gardner the Secret Conversations by Peter Evans

Read by William Hope

9 hours, 11 minutes

Legendary screen star's alcohol-fueled, late-night conversations with British journalist, published thirteen years after her death, provide candid details about Gardner's movies, career, marriages, and lovers and Hollywood highlife in the forties and fifties. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. Bestseller. Commercial audiobook. 2013.

[Download from BARD: Ava Gardner the Secret Conversations](#)

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Warren Beatty a Private Man by Suzanne Finstad

Read by Suzanne Finstad

24 hours, 30 minutes

Biography of Oscar-winning actor and director Warren Beatty (born 1937). Examines his career, personal relationships, and political activism. Based on interviews with Jane Fonda, Goldie Hawn, Robert Towne, Mike Nichols, John McCain, George McGovern, and more. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2005.

[Download from BARD: Warren Beatty A Private Man](#)

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My Life So Far by Jane Fonda

Read by Martha Harmon Pardee

19 hours, 41 minutes

Autobiography of Academy Award-winning actress who describes a childhood shaped by her father's acting fame and her mother's mental illness. Covers her film career, marriages, controversial political activism during the Vietnam War, and philanthropic work. Some descriptions of sex and some strong language. Bestseller. 2005.

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My Wicked, Wicked Ways by Errol Flynn

Read by Richard Braun

15 hours, 59 minutes

Autobiography of film actor from his early adventures in Australia to his final days as a debt-ridden, scandal-ridden Hollywood star. Strong language and explicit descriptions of sex. 1959.

[Download from BARD: My Wicked, Wicked Ways](#)

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Carole Lombard, the Hoosier Tornado by Wes D. Gehring

Read by Peter Gil

6 hours, 14 minutes

Biography of film star Carole Lombard (1908-1942) known as the queen of "screwball" comedies. Gehring relates Lombard's childhood years in Indiana and California, rise in the movie industry, and marriage to Clark Gable. Also describes her tragic death in a plane crash while returning home after a war-bond rally. Some strong language. 2003.

[Download from BARD: Carole Lombard the Hoosier Tornado](#)

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Bing Crosby: a Pocketful of Dreams, the Early Years 1903-1940 by Gary Giddins

Read by Robert Sams

34 hours, 39 minutes

Author of Visions of Jazz (RC 48253) chronicles the life and times of Harry Lillis "Bing" Crosby--a Jesuit-educated Irish-American whose career coincided with the growth of the sound recording technology that fostered his extraordinary popularity. Examines Crosby's family history and work up to World War II. Includes discography and filmography. Some strong language. 2001.

[Download from BARD: Bing Crosby: a Pocketful of Dreams, the Early...](#)

Also available on digital cartridge DB053111

Bing Crosby: Swinging on a Star, the War Years, 1940-1946 by Gary Giddins

Read by Robert Sams

32 hours, 19 minutes

This second volume of biography, following Bing Crosby: A Pocketful of Dreams (DB 53111), picks up in 1940. Focuses on the actor and singer's life and career during World War II, his work for the war effort on the radio and with the USO, and his many hit films. 2018.

[Download from BARD: Bing Crosby: Swinging on a Star, the War Years...](#)

Also available on digital cartridge DB092943

Fred Astaire His Friends Talk by Sarah Giles

Read by Richard Cassell

5 hours, 6 minutes

This biography of Astaire is made up of the recollections and reminiscences of people who knew and worked with him. They saw him in many different ways, but they all expressed an affection for the man they felt was the sublime entertainer - the personification of class.

[Download from BARD: Fred Astaire His Friends Talk](#)

Also available on digital cartridge DB029536

Garbo by Antoni Gronowicz

Read by Noah Siegel

12 hours, 25 minutes

Gronowicz's unauthorized biography of film star Greta Garbo, based on their long and intimate friendship, was withheld from publication, at Garbo's insistence, until after her death. Writing as if through Garbo's eyes, the author tells the story of Garbo's dismal childhood, the films she made, the men in her life, and her early retirement from the movies before her fame began to wane.

[Download from BARD: Garbo](#)

Also available on digital cartridge DB032798

Killer Tomatoes Fifteen Tough Film Dames by Ray Hagen

Read by Ray Hagen

13 hours, 49 minutes

Hollywood leading ladies of the 1930s-1950s identified by the authors as "hot tamales (who) weren't dependent on men to get where they wanted to go."

Profiles Lucille Ball, Joan Blondell, Ida Lupino, Jane Russell, Ann Sheridan, Barbara Stanwyck, and others. Foreword by Jane Russell. 2004.

[Download from BARD: Killer Tomatoes Fifteen Tough Film Dames](#)

Also available on digital cartridge DB059428

Clark Gable: A Biography by Warren G. Harris

Read by Jack Fox

17 hours

Life of "the king of Hollywood" Clark Gable (1901-1960) covering his family background, five marriages, numerous affairs, and children. Describes the actor's professional development--beginning in theater and vaudeville and continuing in the studio system as it existed in the early days of motion pictures. Some strong language. 2002.

[Download from BARD: Clark Gable: A Biography](#)

Also available on digital cartridge DB054530

The Making of The African Queen, or, How I Went to Africa with Bogart, Bacall, and Huston and Almost Lost My Mind by Katharine Hepburn

Read by Gale Garnett

3 hours, 20 minutes

Hepburn recalls the filming of the classic "The African Queen" in the Congo and Uganda thirty-five years earlier in detail and includes numerous anecdotes. Her first-person narrative reflects her style--frank and imperious, yet full of humor.

[Download from BARD: The Making of the African Queen, or, How I...](#)

Also available on digital cartridge DB027565

Me Stories of My Life by Katharine Hepburn

Read by Yvonne Fair Tessler

10 hours, 55minutes

Hepburn, who says she wrote this book to "discover the real reason back of all the fluff," admits it does not follow any path. She does, however, roughly portray her life from her birth in 1907 to her withdrawal into private life. Along the way she offers vignettes of her family; her only husband, Luddy; her career; her affair with Howard Hughes; and finally her special life with Spencer Tracy.

Bestseller.

[Download from BARD: Me Stories of My Life](#)

Also available on digital cartridge DB033913

Liz an Intimate Biography of Elizabeth Taylor by C. David Heymann

Read by John Stratton

20 hours, 23 minutes

The author relies upon more than a thousand interviews with the star's friends, coworkers, and other associates, as well as medical, legal, and business documents for his portrait of Taylor. He discusses how she became famous as an actress, wife, mother, AIDS activist, and purveyor of jewelry and perfumes.

Some strong language. Bestseller.

[Download from BARD: Liz an Intimate Biography of Elizabeth Taylor](#)

Also available on digital cartridge DB040535

Cary Grant the Lonely Heart by Charles Higham

Read by John C. Reed

13 hours, 13 minutes

An account that shows Grant as alcoholic, brutal, suicidal, and bisexual--but also romantic, warm, and generous. Born Archibald Leach, he fled his home in England at age fifteen and by age twenty-six had entered the movies as Cary Grant. Discussed, in addition to his five marriages, are his relationships with such men as Jack Orry-Kelly, Howard Hughes and Randolph Scott.

[Download from BARD: Cary Grant the Lonely Heart](#)

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Rock Hudson His Story by Rock Hudson

Read by Bob Askey

10 hours, 39 minutes

An account of the actor's public and private life drawn from interviews with Hudson, his letters, documents, scrapbooks, and unlimited access to his closest friends. It tells of his relationship with homosexuals and his final days with the dreaded disease AIDS. Strong language and some descriptions of sex.

Bestseller 1986.

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Shirley Jones: a Memoir by Shirley Jones

Read by Jill Ferris

8 hours, 11 minutes

Actress known for her roles in Oklahoma! and The Music Man and the TV show The Partridge Family discusses her career and personal life, including her first marriage to adulterous Jack Cassidy and her second to comedian Marty Ingels. Some explicit descriptions of sex. Bestseller. 2013.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB077345

Ball of Fire: the Tumultuous Life and Comic Art of Lucille Ball by Stefan Kanfer

Read by Mitzi Friedlander

17hours

Details the life and times of comedienne and sit-com star Lucille Ball (1911-1989), beginning with her difficult childhood in upstate New York. Covers her unhappy marriage to Desi Arnaz and the evolution of her career until she became "the first woman with major economic power in postwar Hollywood." Bestseller. 2003.

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Tough Without a Gun: the Life and Extraordinary Afterlife of Humphrey Bogart by Stefan Kanfer

Read by Ray Hagen

12 hours, 47 minutes

Explores the career of actor Bogart (1899-1957), who starred in hit movies such as High Sierra, The Maltese Falcon, Casablanca, The African Queen, and The Big Sleep. Discusses his personal life, including marriage to and kids with Lauren Bacall, and his enduring posthumous fame. Some strong language. 2011.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB072911

Furious Love: Elizabeth Taylor, Richard Burton, and the Marriage of the Century by Sam Kashner

Read by Kristin Allison

15 hours, 42 minutes

Uses Richard Burton's love letters and interviews with Elizabeth Taylor to construct dual biographies of the Welsh Shakespearian actor and the Hollywood star. Traces their volatile relationship from the 1962 movie set of Cleopatra, where they began an adulterous affair, through their two marriages and divorces. Strong language. Bestseller. 2010.

[Download from BARD: Furious Love: Elizabeth Taylor, Richard Burnton...](#)

Also available on digital cartridge DB071424

His Way the Unauthorized Biography of Frank Sinatra by Kitty Kelley

Read by Roy Avers

22 hours, 43 minutes

A penetrating portrait of the star based on three years of research and interviews with hundreds of people associated with Frank Sinatra, including family members, colleagues, and law-enforcement officers. Filled with startling revelations, anecdotes, and intriguing behind-the-scenes accounts of the controversial, elusive entertainer. Strong language. Bestseller 1986.

[Download from BARD: His Way the Unauthorized Biography of Frank...](#)

Also available on digital cartridge DB025953

Bette Davis a Biography by Barbara Leaming

Read by Lydia Humphries

14 hours, 8 minutes

Known best for appearances in more than eighty films, including Jezebel and Dark Victory, Davis also acted on stage and in television until her death in 1989. Leaming writes of the actress's career and of her troubled home life--failed and abusive marriages, alcoholism, and strained relationships with her children. Included is a listing of Davis's acting credits. Some strong language.

[Download from BARD: Bette Davis a Biography](#)

Also available on digital cartridge DB035292

If This Was Happiness a Biography of Rita Hayworth by Barbara Leaming

Read by Madelyn Buzzard

13 hours, 23 minutes

Leaming shows Hayworth as a constant victim. She focuses on the sexual abuse Hayworth suffered as a child at the hands of her father, who used her as a replacement for her alcoholic mother, and Hayworth's attempts to make herself into the person her husbands and lovers expected. Hayworth had several destructive marriages and spent her last years as an Alzheimer's patient.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB031114

Katharine Hepburn by Barbara Leaming

Read by Kimberly Schraf

21 hours, 1 minute

A look at the forces that shaped and drove the acclaimed actress. From an accomplished but troubled New England family, Katharine Hepburn was strongly influenced by her strict father and her outspoken mother. From her earliest days of acting in New York City, she is described as an "original" and a "personage." The author sheds new light on the relationships in Hepburn's life. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex.

[Download from BARD: Katharine Hepburn](#)

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The Immortal Count the Life and Films of Bela Lugosi by Arthur Lennig

Read by Patrick Downer

28 hours, 19 minutes

A film historian looks at the life and career of Hungarian-born actor Bela Lugosi (1882-1956), whose most famous role was in the 1931 film Dracula. Although he starred in other horror movies in the 1930s and 1940s, he never overcame the typecasting from playing Count Dracula. 2003.

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The Castle on Sunset Life, Death, Love, Art, and Scandal at Hollywood's Chateau Marmont by Shawn Levy

Read by Mike Chamberlain

12 hours, 58 minutes

A Hollywood biographer presents a history of one of Los Angeles's most famous landmarks, the Chateau Marmont hotel. It has been the backdrop to gossip and scandals since the 1930s, having long welcomed celebrities from the film, music, and media industries. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2019.

[Download from BARD: The Castle on Sunset Life, Death, Art and...](#)

Also available on digital cartridge DB095056

Paul Newman a Life by Shawn Levy

Read by David Hartley-Margolin

18 hours, 18 minutes

Chronicles the sixty-year career of leading man Newman (1925-2008), whose work included fifty-eight movies, five Broadway plays, and ten Oscar nominations. Also discusses his race-car driving, camps for ill children, fifty-year second marriage to actress Joanne Woodward, children from both marriages, and battle with cancer. Some strong language. 2009.

[Download from BARD: Paul Newman a Life](#)

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Rat Pack Confidential Frank, Dean, Sammy, Peter, Joey & the Last Great Showbiz Party by Shawn Levy

Read by Gary Telles

11 hours, 48 minutes

Levy discusses the rise and fall of the group originally named by Lauren Bacall. Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Sammy Davis Jr., Peter Lawford, and Joey Bishop became some of the most popular entertainers in the early 1960s. Strong language.

[Download from BARD: Rat Pack Confidential Frank, Dean, Sammy...](#)

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Dean & Me (A Love Story) by Jerry Lewis

Read by Stephen Hoye

8 hours, 43 minutes

Comic Jerry Lewis reminisces about his professional and personal relationship with entertainment partner Dean Martin. Anecdotally describes their New York City meeting in 1945, overwhelming success in movies and nightclubs, break up ten years later, and prolific solo careers. Strong language and some descriptions of sex. Commercial audiobook. 2005.

[Download from BARD: Dean & Me \(a Love Story\)](#)

Also available on digital cartridge DB060909

Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow My Life by Sophia Loren

Read by Erin Jones

10 hours, 14 minutes

The legendary movie actress grew up in Rome, Italy, during WWII, the child of a single mother. Her beauty won her roles in Italian films, which soon led to Hollywood stardom. Loren shares her personal story as well as anecdotes of famous co-stars. Originally published in Italian as Ieri, Oggi, Domani. 2014

[Download from BARD: Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow My Life](#)

Also available on digital cartridge DB081674

My Lucky Stars a Hollywood Memoir by Shirley MacLaine

Read by Pam Ward

11 hours, 57 minutes

In her eighth autobiographical book, MacLaine recounts her forty years in Hollywood. She focuses on the many "stars" who have influenced her work, both professionally and emotionally, as well as the struggles she and others endure within the framework of an artistic life. She devotes special attention to her relationships with Dean Martin, Frank Sinatra, Robert Mitchum, and Danny Kaye. Some strong language. Bestseller.

[Download from BARD: My Lucky Stars a Hollywood Memoir](#)

Also available on digital cartridge DB040632

Stanwyck by Axel Madsen

Read by Ray Hagen

16 hours, 54 minutes

Portrait of a movie star whose career spanned more than sixty years. The author sketches the path of Ruby Stevens from Brooklyn, where she was born and was orphaned at the age of three, to the Ziegfeld Follies and on to Hollywood. There Barbara Stanwyck, as she was known, developed a reputation as a natural talent in films such as Stella Dallas and Double Indemnity. Some strong language.

[Download from BARD: Stanwyck](#)

Also available on digital cartridge DB040207

How to Be a Movie Star: Elizabeth Taylor in Hollywood by William J. Mann

Read by Catherine Byers

18 hours, 2 minutes

Focusing on the years of her biggest successes in the movies of the 1950s and 60s, biographer Mann covers Taylor's rise at MGM, her successful film career, and her scandalous personal life, including her many marriages and love affairs. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. 2009.

[Download from BARD: How to Be a Movie Star: Elizabeth Taylor in...](#)

Also available on digital cartridge: DB081777

Memories Are Made of this Dean Martin Through His Daughter's Eyes by Deana Martin

Read by Barbara Pinolini

9 hours, 58 minutes

The daughter of entertainer Dean Martin's first family describes growing up with Dean (1917-1995) and his second wife, Jeanne. Highlights Dean's private life and his emotional unavailability to his seven children. The author recounts her childhood and anecdotes from Hollywood in the 1960s and 1970s. Foreword by Jerry Lewis. 2004.

[Download from BARD: Memories Are Made of this Dean Martin Through...](#)

Also available on digital cartridge: DB063548

Gary Cooper American Hero by Jeffrey Meyers

Read by Terence Aselford

14 hours, 13 minutes

Gary Cooper, raised in Montana by straightlaced British parents, describes how he discovered that money could be made as a movie extra and how his good looks and riding ability made him prime "star material." Recalls his numerous love affairs, his films, and his conservative convictions during the blacklist years.

[Download from BARD: Gary Cooper American Hero](#)

Also available on digital cartridge: DB048426

Inherited Risk Errol and Sean Flynn in Hollywood and Vietnam by Jeffrey Meyers

Read by Ted Stoddard

12 hours, 35 minutes

Dual biography of actor Errol Flynn (1909-1959) and his photojournalist son Sean (1941-1971). Contends that the conflicted younger Flynn both struggled against and emulated his infamous father's lifestyle; that the recklessness they shared led to Sean's death at twenty-nine as a journalist in Vietnam. Strong language. 2002.

[Download from BARD: Inherited risk Errol and Sean Flynn in Hollywood...](#)

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'Tis Herself : a Memoir by Maureen O'Hara

Read by Laura Giannarelli

11 hours, 51 minutes

Illustrious actress reminisces about her six-decade career during Hollywood's "golden age." O'Hara describes her radio and stage child-stardom in Ireland, arrival in California at eighteen, interactions with famous actors and directors, marriages, and retirement in the Virgin Islands. Some strong language. 2004.

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Jean Arthur: the Actress Nobody Knew by John Oller

Read by Robert Sams

12 hours, 8 minutes

Biography of actress (1900-1991) known for her husky voice and her many successful films, especially those she made in the 1930s with Frank Capra, such as Mr. Smith Goes to Washington. Gives a portrait of her personal and professional life through interviews with costars, relatives, and friends. 1997.

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Jimmy Stewart a Life in Film by Roy Pickard

Read by Frank Coffee

7 hours, 21 minutes

Pickard's biography hits the highlights of Stewart's lengthy career in the movies. It discusses his role in *It's a Wonderful Life*; his work with director Alfred Hitchcock; and *Pie*, the horse he rode for twenty years in westerns. Recreated dialogues, comments from other movie personalities, and a filmography add to the portrait of the actor who handled a diverse range of roles. Some strong language.

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Bob Hope: the Road Well-Traveled by Lawrence J. Quirk

Read by Bill Wallace

14 hours

Traces Bob Hope's life from his youth in England to his career as a vaudevillian, and his rise to fame as a Broadway musical celebrity, radio-comedian, Hollywood star, and friend to American servicemen around the globe. Discusses his association with entertainment personalities, including Jack Benny, Dorothy Lamour, and Bing Crosby. Strong language. 1998.

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Joan Crawford the Essential Biography by Lawrence J. Quick

Read by Gary Tipton

11 hours, 34 minutes

Lawrence Quirk, longtime confidante of Joan Crawford (1904-1977), coauthors a biography of the Academy Award-winning actress. Describes Crawford's dysfunctional upbringing, early career as a chorus girl, and evolution into a Hollywood film star. Disputes the claims made by Crawford's adopted daughter Christina in the memoir *Mommie Dearest* (DB0 12943). 2002.

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But Enough About Me a Memoir by Burt Reynolds

Read by Burt Reynolds

11 hours, 29 minutes

A Hollywood leading man for six decades, Burt Reynolds tells his story through the people he's encountered along the way, beginning with his athletic adolescence. Reynolds recounts both his professional and personal lives, including his many romances and friendships, fatherhood, and his work as a teacher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2015.

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The Astaires Fred & Adele by Kathleen Riley

Read by Ray Hagen

10 hours, 54 minutes

Dual biography of Adele Astaire (1896-1981) and her younger brother Fred (1899-1987). Chronicles the siblings' childhood vaudeville act that evolved into Broadway and London dancing and singing performances. Discusses the 1932 marriage of Adele--considered the more talented of the two--to Lord Charles Cavendish and Fred's subsequent venture into film. 2012.

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Ginger My Story by Ginger Rogers

Read by Laura Giannarelli

15 hours, 56 minutes

Rogers tells of being raised by her single, Christian Scientist mother, who later testified as a friendly witness for the House Committee on Un-American Activities. Often remembered as Fred Astaire's dance partner, Rogers is quick to point out that their ten films together were only a small portion of her career of seventy-three motion pictures. Rogers also describes her five marriages and her friendships with celebrities.

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Considering Doris Day by Tom Santopietro

Read by Ray Hagen

17 hours, 17 minutes

Assessment of the career of big-band singer and post-World War II actress Doris Day (born 1924). Highlights her professional achievements that comprised thirty-nine films and more than six hundred songs. Relates Day's personal life including her stage mother, unsuccessful marriages, adherence to Christian Science religion, and animal rights activism. 2007.

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Matinee Idylls Reflections on the Movies by Richard Schickel

Read by Terence Aselford

9 hours, 54 minutes

Essays from the Time film critic concerning the state of the cinema and its future. Examines past great talents such as silent film director King Vidor, Greta Garbo, Frank Capra, Irene Dunne, Bette Davis, and Laurence Olivier. Also discusses film festivals and later trends in movies. 1999.

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Robert Mitchum "Baby, I Don't Care" by Lee Server

Read by Robert O'Keefe

27 hours, 13 minutes

Biography of screen legend Robert Mitchum (1917-1997), who left his bohemian home at age fourteen to lead an unconventional life, which included stints as a boxer, laborer, vagabond, and jailbird. Chronicles his family saga, his long marriage to his teenage sweetheart, and his career in Hollywood. Strong language. 2001.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB052144

Beautiful the Life of Hedy Lamarr by Stephen Michael Shearer

Read by Barbara Rappaport

25 hours, 9 minutes

Biography of Viennese-born actress Hedy Lamarr (1913-2000) chronicles her early career in Austria, her arrival in Hollywood under the auspices of MGM mogul Louie B. Mayer, and the scandals of her later years. Also assesses the impact of "frequency hopping" technology that Lamarr copatented during World War II. 2010.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB073731

Bing Crosby, the Hollow Man by Donald Shepherd and Robert F. Slatzer

Read by James DeLotel

12 hours, 38 minutes

A biography that portrays Bing Crosby as a man very different from his appealing public image. The authors depict the crooner as a "monstrously callous" man driven by his desire for fame and fortune, citing particularly his treatment of his first wife, Dixie Lee, and of all his children.

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Lady Blue Eyes My Life with Frank Sinatra by Barbara Sinatra

Read by Madelyn Buzzard

14 hours, 2 minutes

Singer Frank Sinatra's fourth--and last--wife reminisces about their marriage. Chronicles her childhood in small-town Missouri and years as a California model and Las Vegas showgirl. Discusses her relationships with a gambler and with actor Zeppo Marx before she wed Sinatra, her Palm Springs neighbor, in 1976. Some strong language. 2011.

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High Society the Life of Grace Kelly by Donald Spoto

Read by Laura Giannarelli

9 hours, 54 minutes

Biography of Academy Award-winning actress Grace Kelly (1929-1982) based on the author's interviews. Chronicles Kelly's wealthy Philadelphia upbringing, seven years in Hollywood, and subsequent 1956 marriage to Prince Ranier of Monaco. Includes discussion of Kelly's earlier romances. 2009.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB071334

Laurence Olivier a Biography by Donald Spoto

Read by John Lescault

16 hours, 47 minutes

Author of Notorious: The Life of Ingrid Bergman (RC 53248) chronicles the life of renowned actor and director Laurence Olivier (1907-1989). Through interviews with the Shakespearean's friends and colleagues on two continents, biographer Spoto reconstructs Olivier's sixty-year career and documents his marriages, personal upheavals, and final illness. 1992.

[Download from BARD: Laurence Olivier a Biography](#)

Also available on digital cartridge DB061601

Notorious the Life of Ingrid Bergman by Donald Spoto

Read by Gary Tipton

18 hours, 5 minutes

Biography of Academy Award-winning Swedish actress Ingrid Bergman (1915-1982), who was exiled from Hollywood in the 1950s because of an adulterous affair. Traces her tragic childhood, career in Europe, and ascension to international acclaim. Examines her three marriages, four children, and utter devotion to her craft. 1997.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB053248

Goddess the Secret Lives of Marilyn Monroe by Anthony Summers

Read by Bob Butz

15 hours, 40 minutes

In this compassionate biography, Monroe is portrayed as a vital, tragic figure. Summers depicts an essentially lonely woman with a seriously disturbed psyche, who "postured as the world's mistress, yet yearned for monogamy and motherhood." He also believes that the stories circulating about Monroe's affairs with President Kennedy and his brother Robert are true. Bestseller 1985.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB022984

The Secret Life of Marilyn Monroe by J. Randy Taraborrelli

Read by Ray Hagen

21 hours, 50 minutes

Biographer Taraborrelli, author of Elizabeth (RC063718), uses records and interviews with family and friends to reconstruct the life of actress Marilyn Monroe (1926-1962). Examines Monroe's relationships with the women who raised her and later with the Kennedy clan. Discusses her mother Gladys Baker's mental illness and Monroe's suicide. 2009.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB069558

Bing: the Authorized Biography by Charles Thompson

Read by Ray Hagen

8 hours, 26 minutes

Biography of Bing Crosby covers five decades of show business, portraying the Groaner during his bad and good times.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB012783

Self-Portrait by Gene Tierney

Read by Debbie Trissell

8 hours, 13 minutes

Portrays the life and career of the beautiful, troubled former film star as she sees herself. She tells of her roller-coaster marriage to fashion designer Oleg Cassini, the birth of her retarded daughter, and liasons with Aly Khan and President Kennedy.

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Warner Bros the Making of an American Movie Studio by David Thomson

Read by Gary Tipton

6 hours, 59 minutes

A history of the film studio, founded in the early 1920s by four Jewish immigrant brothers. Covers the contributions and rivalries of the siblings, which culminated in Jack taking control of the studio. Also recounts stories of the studio's notable movies and movie stars. Some strong language. Bestseller. 2017.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB089274

Lana--the Lady, the Legend, the Truth by Lana Turner

Read by Terry Hayes Sales

11 hours, 34 minutes

The legendary glamour queen and MGM superstar reveals the ups and downs of her life and acting career. She tells how she was discovered, describes her acting experiences, relates her troubles with love and marriage, and tells of her many acquaintances with famous celebrities.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB018480

You Must Remember This Life and Style in Hollywood's Golden Age by Robert Wagner

Read by David Hartley-Margolin

6 hours, 45 minutes

Movie star and author of *Pieces of My Heart* (DB 67757) reflects on life in Hollywood in the 1930s to 1950s. Reminisces about big-name stars, including Jimmy Stewart and Frank Sinatra, and the style and nightlife enjoyed by movie-industry insiders. Some strong language. Bestseller. 2014.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB078568

The Golden Girls of MGM: Greta Garbo, Joan Crawford, Lana Turner, Judy Garland, Ava Gardner, Grace Kelly, and Others by Jane Ellen Wayne

Read by Gary Tipton

16 hours, 8 minutes

Collective biography of female film stars who worked for Louis B. Mayer's Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studio. Concentrates on the love lives of the major actresses, and how they were held to a morals clause and needed Mayer's permission to wed. Some strong language. 2002.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB056320

The Leading Men of MGM by Jane Ellen Wayne

Read by Mitzi Friedlander

22 hours, 13 minutes

In this companion to *The Golden Girls of MGM* (RC 56320), the author writes about legendary actors who were under contract to Louis B. Mayer's Hollywood studio. Reveals personal information regarding the affairs and vices of Clark Gable, Peter Lawford, Robert Taylor, and others. Includes filmographies. Strong language. 2004.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB060817

Hope Entertainer of the Century by Richard Zoglin

Read by Richard Davidson

21 hours, 35 minutes

Biography of entertainer Bob Hope (1903-2003). Details Hope's early childhood and immigration from England to Cleveland, years on the vaudeville circuit, career in movies and on the radio, service in the USO during World War II and the Vietnam era, and his later years. Discusses personal and professional relationships. 2014

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