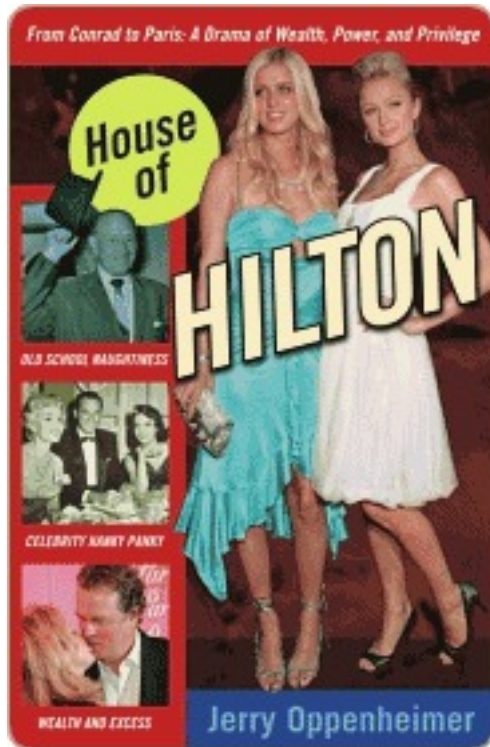

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Description

This intimate, shocking-and thoroughly unauthorized—portrait of the Hiltons chronicles the family's amazing odyssey from poverty and obscurity to glory and glamour.

From Conrad Hilton, the eccentric "innkeeper to the world" who built a global empire beginning with a fleabag in a dusty Texas backwater, to Paris Hilton, his great-granddaughter, whose fame took off with a sex video, "House of Hilton" is the unauthorized, eye-popping portrait of one of America's most outrageous dynasties.

If you want to know how Paris Hilton became who she is, you have to know where she came from. From scores of candid and exclusive interviews, from private documents and public records, New York Times bestselling author Jerry Oppenheimer has dug deeply into her paternal and maternal family roots to reveal the often shocking, tragic, and comic lives that helped shape the world's most famous and fabulous "celebutante."

The cast of characters includes Paris's maternal grandmother, a materialistic "stage mother from hell." There is Paris's maternal grandfather, who became an alcoholic housepainter. The life of Paris's mother, Kathy Hilton, groomed by her mother to be a star and marry rich, is candidly revealed, too, as is that of Paris's father, Rick, Conrad's grandson.

Paris's tabloid antics are truly in the Hilton tradition. Set against a glittery Hollywood backdrop—with appearances by stars like Elizabeth Taylor, Zsa Zsa Gabor, Natalie Wood, and Joan Collins—House of Hilton brings to light a cornucopia of closely held Hilton family secrets and sexual peccadilloes, such as the many affairs and the nightclub-brawling, boozing, and pill-popping life of Paris's great-uncle, Nick Hilton. The story of his hellish marriage to Liz Taylor alone rivals any of today's Hollywood breakups.

Behind it all was Conrad Hilton, who built his worldwide empire through the Great Depression while others were jumping out of windows. A devout Catholic publicly, his personal life was that of an unrepentant sinner. His first marriage was to Mary Barron Hilton, a sexy, hard-drinking, gambling Kentucky teenager half Conrad's age. Wife number two was the gorgeous Zsa Zsa, who, like Paris, was famous for being famous. Their tumultuous marriage and headline-making divorce are revealed here in all their juicy glory.

In all, "House of Hilton" is a gripping American saga, from the fire and passions that built a business empire to the debauchery and amorality passed on from one generation to the next. "From the Hardcover edition."

Insightful reviews

Gina Jacobs: It was a quick gossipy read with good insight into Paris Hilton's upbringing and the kind of people she comes from. It focused mainly on Nicky Hilton and Kathleen Dugan Avanzino Richards Catain Fenton. I'm a Real Housewives of Beverly Hills fan and was intrigued by the back story of the Richard sisters/Kathy Hilton's mother. I had no prior knowledge of Nicky Hilton and was enraptured by his dramatic and tragic life. If you want more insight into Conrad Hilton, Barron Hitlon or even Rick Hilton, look elsewhere.

Angelo Vassallo: Focused on gossip but with interesting part regarding the origins of the Hilton Empire, from both the side: Paris' mother and father side. Without doubt the father side history is more interesting, especially for the ideas and capacities of Conrad Hilton. In the same time

the book help you to understand that maybe in a bad example as Paris, there is always something to learn: the Machiavellian idea that the aim justifies the means.

Shelly: Lots of interesting information on both the Richards and Hilton families. Really entertaining if you watch the "Real Housewives of Beverly Hills" because it dishes on Kim and Kyle. Good trashy beach read.

Vanessa: Ok, might be I am the one individual in my social circle, and family, and town, who doesn't absolutely hate Paris Hilton. To me, she's that chick who could constantly be great to be while I see her, and if I wished it, she'd supply me a journey someplace if it used to be on her way. Her genealogy is a curlier coaster trip of gold-digging women, and playboy bachelors. Having grown up close to LA, I've got recognized childrens whose mom and dad have been so past fact within the glamour sense, that those young ones had yet no option, yet to develop up with that very same mentality. I beloved the book, and that I nonetheless like Paris. So, sue me.

Melinda Elizabeth: A wonderful, extensive research of celebrity, and the way Paris equipped her media empire off an unlucky incident with an ex boyfriend... Kidding! even if Paris is positioned prominently at the hide of this book, Paris has little or no to do with the content material of the inform all. And I'm certain many might be relieved approximately this! condominium of Hilton makes a speciality of Conrad Hilton and his fledgling business, and a bit approximately his enterprise philosophies and the way he turned so successful. there's a lot extra concerned together with his children, Nick, and grandchildren, Rick, than the founder himself. The publication additionally good points Paris' maternal relatives, and the Richard's genealogy can be stress-free analyzing for all of these "Real Housewives of Beverly Hills" enthusiasts who need to know what makes Kim and Kyle tick... and wow is there a few fascinating familial strain catalogued during this book! For enthusiasts of Elizabeth Taylor, there's a considerable exposé of her brief lived marriage to Nick, and subsequently, Nicks philandering, company acumen, and descent into depravity. Nick's tale is kind of a tragic one to read, even in this type of ruthless family. The ebook is really easy to read, and conversational in form, with interviews with Hiltons, friends, and kinfolk members. when a few of these take somewhat of pondering to figure out how accurately they are often a professional within the wisdom and even if their model of occasions is certainly correct, the interviews supply an "insiders view" into the family.

Angie: I admire biographies, and like to research extra 'behind the scenes' info (I'm my very own tabloid). With the Hilton family members being so recognized those days, it was once a enjoyable learn to determine the way it all started. The publication is particularly attention-grabbing and provides you fairly the perception into the kin (all the way in which again to the unique Hilton hotel). It was once fast ready. For these of you who wish to gossip concerning the wealthy & famous, I might suggest examining this.

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