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**Based on new interviews and research, this ground-breaking biography explores the secret selves behind Marilyn Monroe's public facades.**

Marilyn Monroe. Her beauty still captivates. Her love life still fascinates. Her story still dominates popular culture. Now, drawing on years of research and dozens of new interviews, this biography cuts through decades of lies and secrets and introduces you to the Marilyn Monroe you always wanted to know: a living, breathing, complex woman, bewitching and maddening, brilliant yet flawed.

Charles Casillo studies Monroe's life through the context of her times—in the days before feminism. Before there was adequate treatment for Marilyn's struggle with bipolar disorder. Starting with her abusive childhood, this biography exposes how—in spite of her fractured psyche—Marilyn's extreme ambition inspired her to transform each celebrated love affair and each tragedy into another step in her journey towards immortality. Casillo fully explores the last two years of her life, including her involvement with both John F. Kennedy and his brother Robert, and the mystery of her last day.

## **Just a few of Casillo's revelations:**

\*Despite reports of their bitter rivalry, Elizabeth Taylor secretly reached out and tried to help Marilyn during one of her darkest moments.

\*The existence of Marilyn's semi-nude love scene with Clark Gable—long thought to be lost.

\*A few nights before she died, Marilyn encountered Warren Beatty at a party and disclosed some of the reasons for her final despair.

\*A meticulously detailed account of the events of her last day, revealing how a series of miscommunications and misjudgments contributed to her death.

## **Marilyn Monroe: The Private Life of a Public Icon Details**

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## Hannah says

Fame doesn't get you everything. We take our problems with us. Beauty is only skin deep. All these platitudes speak to Marilyn and her ultimately sad, lonely life. Heartbreaking to read how the people she called friends would end up failing her- although the question remains: if she had been saved again, at what point would she have overdosed again? When do you stop saving someone who doesn't want to be saved?

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## Kevin says

Billy Wilder said Marilyn Monroe was "a puzzle without any solution," but biographer and novelist Charles Casillo (*The Marilyn Diaries*) has dug deep with his extraordinary biography and finds answers to questions that have haunted Monroe fans for decades. There have been dozens of full-length biographies written about Marilyn Monroe (1926-1962); however, Casillo's compelling and exhaustively researched biography does an outstanding job of sifting through conflicting testimonies and offering a compassionate and nuanced presentation of Monroe's tragic life.

The groundwork for Monroe's insecurities and neuroses forms when she's abandoned by a mentally unstable mother and grandmother, and shuffled from abusive foster families to an orphanage before she marries at 16-just to have a place to live. A modeling job leads her to film work in Hollywood where, she said, "They'll pay you a thousand dollars for a kiss and fifty cents for your soul." Her popularity in movies was meteoric but her desire to learn her craft and pick her projects was met with dismissive condescension by her studio and directors. Her almost daily analysis sessions brought her demons (isolation, sexual abuse and faltering confidence) to the surface and "slowly destroyed any kind of work ethic she had." Crushing loneliness, bad relationships (including Arthur Miller and both John and Robert Kennedy) and debilitating depression mixed with pills and alcohol led to breakdowns and multiple overdoses before her final overdose at age 36.

Monroe's sad but fascinating life has been told many times before, but Casillo's fast-paced, sympathetic and psychologically sound biography stands as one of the best.

Castillo's sympathetic and psychologically nuanced Marilyn Monroe bio is compulsively readable and well researched.

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## Niamh says

Marilyn Monroe is one of the most enchanting, interesting, intelligent and deeply troubled women to remain in the popular cultural zeitgeist, even half a century after her death. This intimate portrait of one of Hollywood's most influential women takes a grand, sweeping look at Marilyn from her birth and childhood as Norma Jean Baker to the transformation into the woman that anyone in the Western world could identify from a single picture.

What Casillo captures, and what perhaps makes this book feel like a much truer portrayal of Monroe, is how different she was to the popular image generated by her publicist. She was a truly unwell woman, struggling

with mental illness and crippling self doubt, often that kept her from working to her full potential. From childhood, she looked to others to support her, to help her find someone she could trust. Her untimely death was the thorn in the rose bush that tore it apart.

I loved reading this book, intertwining personal anecdotes from friends and colleagues of Marilyn's, whilst providing a comprehensive history of her life, and I will certainly be using this in my upcoming thesis.

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### **PWRL says**

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### **David Weathersby says**

Such a sad book in many ways. Someone felt they were destined to always be unloved and alone, but had celebrity on a scale no one could imagine.

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