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Reviews of the first edition: "entertaining to browse"--ARBA; "fascinating"--Psychotronic; "provides directions for 16 driving tours that encompass famous graves, haunted celebrity homes, the locations of famous murders and deaths, and scandalous locations. A comprehensive index allows you to locate your favorite stars and their infamous activities"--C&RL News; "wonderfully detailed...one does not have to take his self-guided tours to enjoy reading the book"--Tourland; "you need this book"--Cult Movies; "many photos"--Today's Librarian; "E.J. Fleming brings these dark and fascinating tales to life!"--John Burke, AMC Host. For more than a century, people have been drawn to sites of tragedy involving the rich, beautiful and notorious of Hollywood. Tourists at the center of the movie universe flock to Rudolph Valentino's grave, the house where Marilyn Monroe died, the "O.J. murders" condo, the hotel where John Belushi overdosed, a myriad of haunted mansions. In its extensively researched and enlarged second edition, this book tells the stories of these locations and makes finding them simple. Seventeen driving tours include more than 650 sites. Each tour covers a specific area, from Hollywood and the Sunset Strip to Brentwood and Malibu, covering the entire Los Angeles basin. Concise, easy-to-follow directions are given to each location with 145 photos and the fascinating story behind each stop.

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At the dawn of the 1990s, a new crew of leading men—Johnny Depp, Nicolas Cage, Keanu Reeves, and Brad Pitt—was rocketing toward stardom. River Phoenix, however, stood in front of the pack. But behind Phoenix's talent and beautiful public face was a young man who had been raised in a cult by nonconformist parents, who was burdened with supporting his family from a young age, and who eventually succumbed to addiction, dying of an overdose in front of the Viper Room, West Hollywood's storied club, at twenty-three. *Last Night at the Viper Room* is part biography, part cultural history of the 1990s, and part celebration of a Hollywood icon gone too soon. Full of interviews from his fellow actors, directors, friends, and family, *Last Night at the Viper Room* shows the role River Phoenix played in creating the place of the actor in our modern culture and the impact his work still makes today.

Recounts the circumstances surrounding the deaths of thirty-one Hollywood celebrities, including D.W. Griffith, Bela Lugosi, Ernie Kovacs, Marilyn Monroe, Freddie Prinze, and John Belushi

New for 2017: The highly anticipated sequel to *Tragic Hollywood: Beautiful, Glamorous, and Dead: Tragic Hollywood: Beautiful, Glamorous, and Still Dead Dead!* Over 475 pages of tragedy with more details, more and better images, all lovingly edited and

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researched. Have you always been fascinated by the darker side of Hollywood? Did you cut your teeth on books like *Hollywood Babylon*, and shows like *Mysteries And Scandals*? This book delivers the most salacious details about the stars you remember not for their films, but for their tragically short lives. What killed William Desmond Taylor? Why did Tyrone Power die so young and unhappy? What really happened to the Black Dahlia? Was Fatty Arbuckle a victim or a murderer? Maybe you think you've heard it all? Trust me, you haven't! Chock full of new details, and with an emphasis on why rather than just how. Find out about the murder suicide of Gig Young, what Peter Lawford knew about the night Marilyn Monroe died, what really happened to Thelma Todd. You will not be able to put this book down! These stories are delivered with a wit and poignant observation that will leave you saying "WOW"

This revised edition documents over 130 deaths of famous stars, categorized by the way they died: untimely accidents, alcohol and drug overdoses, murders, natural causes, unresolved deaths, suicides, and relative obscurity. Includes a biography of each individual. 80 photos.

After witnessing the murder of a neighbor, Hollywood screenwriter Bobby Newman uses his hidden knowledge of the crime to insinuate himself into the murder investigation, with plans to write a successful screenplay about it.

The compelling story of the life and death of a Salvadoran gangster As a boy, Miguel Ángel Tobar's small town in El Salvador was torn apart by guerrillas and US-backed death squads. Still a preteen, he joined a different kind of death squad—the Hollywood Locos Salvatrucha—a clique of the Mara Salvatruchas, better known as MS-13. This international criminal organization began on the streets of Los Angeles in the 1980s, as Salvadoran children, whose families had fled their country's civil war, banded together to defend themselves from LA gangs. Denied refugee status, the Salvadorans found themselves pushed into the shadows and besieged by violence, and MS-13 itself mutated into a gang. When large-scale US deportations began, violence was exported from the United States to El Salvador, helping make it one of the world's deadliest countries and in turn propelling new waves of refugees northward. The Salvadoran journalist Óscar Martínez and his anthropologist brother Juan José Martínez got to know the Hollywood Kid when he informed on MS-13. In his hideaway shack, he recounted a life of killing—a death toll of more than fifty rival gang members—until his own murder ended the story. Vivid and violent, *The Hollywood Kid* brings a brutal world to life, illustrating the geopolitical forces propelling a country toward ever more vicious extremes.

Presents fantasy stories written by Internet authors that explore how people, cultures, and societies are affected by the predictions of the Machine, an object that provides short yet vague phrases about how a person will die.

-No one is immune to death. And no one who reads this will be immune to the charm - and power - of Colin Bird's wise and wildly original -how-to- for those who find themselves face-to-face with the great inevitable, *DEATH: WHAT NOT TO SAY*. Think Paulo Coelho, if Coelho ever had to sleep in his car, or make his living as a Nursing Home Chaplain. Colin Bird's brand of street-level pragmatism on matters of compassion and mortality is as massively refreshing as it is on-the-ground useful for anyone trying to be there for suffering friends and loved ones. They should pass this book out in hospitals and funeral homes, or stick in hotel nightstands instead of bibles. It's a lot more useful - and a much better read. *DEATH: WHAT NOT TO SAY* is a fearless, heartfelt, and utterly invaluable handbook for anyone who isn't dead, but

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knows a few people who are - or are about to be.- -Jerry Stahl, Screenwriter and LA Times bestselling author: I, Fatty; Permanent Midnight -Colin Bird serves up his own brand of commentary in DEATH: What Not To Say. Supremely witty yet cuttngly honest, a richly worded yarn from a man that's seen the losing side of life and ran from it. Couldn't put it down.- -Dean Karnazes, Ultramarathoner and New York Times bestselling author -As a licensed therapist for 16 years I've seen a lot of grieving souls. Grief is no respecter of persons. It touches everyone. And it's relentless. People die and we can't stop it. People grieve and we can't stop it. But stopping it isn't really the goal, loving through it is. That's the message of Colin Bird's book, -Death: What Not to Say-. There are a myriad of books on grief written by professionals. We know what to say and what not to say. We know what to expect, how to listen well, and why honoring someone's grief is so delicate and crucial. We've had lots of practice. But approaching a Griever well is just not easily taught. We professionals were beginners once. True proficiency has come from trial and error. And honestly, grief filling up my living room is different from grief sitting in my office... so very different. Not because of the grief, but the relationship between me and the Griever. That's one of the reasons I love this book. Written in the style of an artist, -Death: What Not to Say- is a conversation with a man who has experienced pain, excruciating, life-altering, soul-searching pain. Not just his, but others'. He's walked his own grief journey and accompanied others on theirs. Filled with stories that raise your ire, melt your heart, and convict you to the core, Colin's words are raw, real and refreshing. Hopefully, readers will never look at a Grieving person the same. And if they follow these basic steps, they will truly approach with confidence.- -Carrie P Bussmann, LCPC Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor; Owner/Director Truth in Love Counseling, Normal IL -A wake up call intent on forcing the -helpers- to grow up. This work is something long overdue. PAY ATTENTION to the wisdom found in this bright young genius. Take notes. Trust me on this... THERE WILL BE A TEST.- -Geoff Thurman, DOVE Award-winning Singer/Songwriter, Pastor, Counselor -What you get is an unexpected, rich and fun (yes, you read that right) celebration of life. It seems that Colin Bird was bathed into the kind of holy water that makes people natural healers. The kind who knows that deepest truth, but doesn't preach it, he shares it.- -Simone Bartesaghi, Professor UCLA, Director, Writer, Author of The Director's Six Senses

An examination of the lives of a collection of famous and beautiful Hollywood actresses who have died in their prime. The author ponders the reasons behind the eventual downfall of actresses such as Marilyn Monroe, Jayne Mansfield, Gail Russell and Sharon Tate.

"A study of the issue of death and dying and how it is treated in several films. Covers Buddhist concepts such as the Bardo and reincarnation"--

From 1956 until his death in 1966, insiders called it "The longest suicide in Hollywood." Go behind the films, the life, and the struggles of Montgomery Clift for a look at the highs and lows and difficult road of one of Hollywood's brightest stars.

Examines the effects of television culture on how we conduct our public affairs and how "entertainment values" corrupt the way we think. An analysis of the 1922 unsolved murder of film director William Desmond Taylor focuses on the two actresses in Taylor's life--ingenue Mary Miles Minter and Mabel Normand, a star and a drug addict

Death of the Moguls is a detailed assessment of the last days of the "rulers of film." Wheeler Winston Dixon examines the careers of such moguls as Harry Cohn at Columbia, Louis B. Mayer at MGM, Jack L. Warner at Warner Brothers, Adolph Zukor at Paramount, and Herbert J. Yates at Republic in the dying days of their once-mighty empires. He asserts that the sheer force of personality and business acumen displayed by these moguls made the studios successful; their deaths or departures hastened the studios' collapse. Almost none had a plan for leadership succession; they simply couldn't imagine a world in which they didn't reign supreme. Covering 20th Century-Fox, Selznick

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International Pictures, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, Paramount Pictures, RKO Radio Pictures, Warner Brothers, Universal Pictures, Republic Pictures, Monogram Pictures and Columbia Pictures, Dixon briefly introduces the studios and their respective bosses in the late 1940s, just before the collapse, then chronicles the last productions from the studios and their eventual demise in the late 1950s and early 1960s. He details such game-changing factors as the de Havilland decision, which made actors free agents; the Consent Decree, which forced the studios to get rid of their theaters; how the moguls dealt with their collapsing empires in the television era; and the end of the conventional studio assembly line, where producers had rosters of directors, writers, and actors under their command. Complemented by rare, behind-the-scenes stills, *Death of the Moguls* is a compelling narrative of the end of the studio system at each of the Hollywood majors as television, the de Havilland decision, and the Consent Decree forced studios to slash payrolls, make the shift to color, 3D, and CinemaScope in desperate last-ditch efforts to save their kingdoms. The aftermath for some was the final switch to television production and, in some cases, the distribution of independent film.

What is your destiny as a child of God? Straight to the point, author Brian Echevarria cuts to the core of pursuing God and what role dying to self plays in it. With accuracy and understanding, *The Death of a Saint* is a refreshing book for Christians of all levels of maturity who know it is time to go deeper in their walk with Jesus Christ. This book not only speaks to the future of every saint but reaches into the Eternity of the word to do it. This powerful message is full of extraordinary revelation that will thrust you into your destiny as a child of God. The Lord wants to visit with you, and Brian's insight will help you to be ready when He comes.

Since 1929, Hollywood's brightest stars have flocked to the Chateau Marmont as if it were a second home. An apartment building-turned-hotel, the Chateau has been the backdrop for generations of gossip and folklore: where director Nicholas Ray slept with his sixteen-year-old *Rebel Without a Cause* star Natalie Wood; Jim Morrison swung from the balconies; John Belushi suffered a fatal overdose; and Lindsay Lohan got the boot after racking up nearly \$50,000 in charges in less than two months. But despite its mythic reputation, much of what has happened inside the Chateau's walls has eluded the public eye--until now. With wit and insight, Shawn Levy recounts the wild revelries and scandalous liaisons, the creative breakthroughs and marital breakdowns, the births and deaths to which the hotel has been a party. Vivid, salacious, and richly informed, *The Castle on Sunset* is a glittering tribute to Hollywood as seen from inside the walls of its most hallowed hotel.

Discover the tantalizing details of Hollywood's famous and infamous fatalities The death of a celebrity is often as fascinating as--and sometimes more fascinating than--a star's actual life. From the grisly end of Sharon Tate at the hands of the Manson family and the mysterious demise of Bob Crane to the peaceful passings of Lucille Ball and George Burns, *The Hollywood Book of Death* is a captivating and appealingly packaged volume of more than 125 television and movie stars' final curtain calls. Arranged by manner of death, these well-researched accounts include details of celebrities' colorful lives and unusual deaths, their funerals, and the intriguing aftermath. With more than 100 rare photographs and a special "necrology" index of more than 6,000 stars and directors, along with a section revealing where Hollywood personalities are resting in eternal sleep, this enthralling reference promises to be on every film and television buff's "Top 10" gift list.

For fans of the worldwide phenomenon *Twilight* comes a bold reimagining of Stephenie Meyer's novel, telling the classic love story

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but in a world where the characters' genders are reversed. There are two sides to every story . . . You know Bella and Edward, now get to know Beau and Edythe. When Beaufort Swan moves to the gloomy town of Forks and meets the mysterious, alluring Edythe Cullen, his life takes a thrilling and terrifying turn. With her porcelain skin, golden eyes, mesmerizing voice, and supernatural gifts, Edythe is both irresistible and enigmatic. What Beau doesn't realize is the closer he gets to her, the more he is putting himself and those around him at risk. And, it might be too late to turn back . . . With a foreword and afterword by Stephenie Meyer, this compelling reimagining of the iconic love story is a must-read for Twilight fans everywhere. The series has been praised as New York Times and USA Today bestsellers, a Time magazine Best Young Adult Book of All Time, an NPR Best Ever Teen Novel, and a New York Times Editor's Choice. Enrapturing millions of readers since its first publication, Twilight has become a modern classic, leaving readers yearning for more. It's here! #1 bestselling author Stephenie Meyer makes a triumphant return to the world of Twilight with the highly anticipated companion, *Midnight Sun*: the iconic love story of Bella and Edward told from the vampire's point of view. "People do not want to just read Meyer's books; they want to climb inside them and live there." -- Time "A literary phenomenon." -- The New York Times

Join legendary Hollywood scribe Boze Hadleigh in this journey back in time as he examines what it was like to be gay in Hollywood during Tinseltown's heyday, as well as how things have changed and what the future of gay Hollywood looks like. Today. Hadleigh examines both the obvious and hidden costs of being queer in Hollywood from both the inside looking out, and the outside looking in. Hadleigh brings us quotes and statements from such stars as Rock Hudson, Truman Capote, Cary Grant, Neil Patrick Harris, kd Lang, Ellen DeGeneres, Jodie Foster, Queen Latifah, Little Naz, Oscar Wilde, Sammy Davis Jr., Ellen Page, Rosie O'Donnell, Ian McKellan, Bea Arthur, Butterfly McQueen, Chaz Bono, Elton John, Remi Malek, Wanda Sykes, among others.

From *Double Indemnity* (1944) to *The Godfather* (1972), the stories behind some of the greatest films ever made pale beside the story of the studio that made them. In the golden age of Hollywood, Paramount was one of the Big Five studios. Gulf + Western's 1966 takeover of the studio signaled the end of one era and heralded the arrival of a new way of doing business in Hollywood. Bernard F. Dick reconstructs the battle that reduced the studio to a mere corporate commodity and traces Paramount's devolution from freestanding studio to subsidiary—first of Gulf + Western, then of Paramount Communications, and currently, of Viacom-CBS. Dick portrays the new Paramount as a paradigm of today's Hollywood, where the only real art is the art of the deal. In modern Hollywood, former merchandising executives find themselves in charge of production on the assumption that anyone who can sell a movie can make one. CEOs exit in disgrace from one studio, only to emerge in triumph at another. Corporate raiders vie for power and control, purchasing and selling film libraries, studio property, television stations, book publishers, and more. The history of Paramount is filled with larger-than-life people, including Billy Wilder, Adolph Zukor, Sumner Redstone, Shari Redstone, Sherry Lansing, Barry Diller, Michael Eisner, Jeffrey Katzenberg, and more.

Martin Jarvis narrates this novelization based on a serial from the original TV series. The Doctor and Sarah arrive back in the

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TARDIS to find London completely deserted - except for the dinosaurs. Has the return of these prehistoric creatures been deliberately planned and, if so, who can be behind it all?

In the wake of a chilling attack, an ordinary man decides to take revenge. When his wife and daughter are attacked in their home, Paul Benjamin is enjoying a three-martini lunch. A professional man, soft around the middle, Paul lives happily isolated from the rougher side of New York City. As he nurses his gin headache, a call comes from his son-in-law asking him to come to the hospital. In a few hours, his world will collapse around him. As Paul slurped down his lunchtime gin, drug addicts broke into his cozy Upper West Side apartment. For a handful of money, they savagely beat Paul's wife and daughter, leaving his wife dead and his daughter comatose. After his shock wears off, and Paul realizes the police department is helpless, his thoughts turn to revenge - not just for him, but for every decent family broken by the dark forces of society.

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Cancer sucks, death sucks even more. But we humans don't have the power to stop either of them from messing with our lives. They enter our lives whenever and wherever they choose to. Cancer is so common that each one of us have known someone who has dealt with the disease; some of us have lost a loved one to cancer. Common does not always mean simple, and it also does not mean we know everything about it. The diagnosis of cancer, regardless of the disease's curability, is almost always nerve-wracking, even for healthcare providers like the main character of this book who is a veteran nurse. This book is written in first person; the subject is a middle aged woman who had been separated from her boyfriend some thirty years ago and then after three decades when she searches for an oncologist for treatment of an aggressive cancer that she was recently diagnosed, she finds her ex-boyfriend's name and decides to see him. That brings back the memory of their past together, and she starts going through her old diary she had written some thirty years in the past. Part of the story is set in Nepal (from the diary) and the other part is set in the USA (this takes place after her cancer diagnosis). The main character of the story was born with 'Manglik' cosmic influencer, meaning that the planet Mars "mangal Graha" was in such position in the solar system at the time of her birth that it would have strong negative effect on her husband if she married a man who was non-Manlik (a person born at the time when the planet Mars was not in such position.) What happens next changes the lives of the main characters.

One evening, spying on his Hollywood Hills neighbours through his \$4,000 electronic telescope, Bobby witnesses a beautiful woman making love to a handsome Latin actor called Ramon. As their pillow talk turns ugly, Bobby watches in horror as the woman appears to bludgeon her lover to death with his own acting trophy. Instead of rushing to the cops, Bobby decides to find out more about the events that led up to the crime, and to use the material for his next movie screenplay. However, when he sneaks into the actor's apartment, the discovery he makes changes his life forever. Empowered by his secret knowledge, Bobby is able to seduce the beautiful woman, while forging a unique friendship with Detective Dennis Farentino, the cop in charge of the investigation. Before long Bobby has dragged the detective, his wife, his lover, and

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his agent into a Hollywood fun-house hall of mirrors, where only the most manipulative player will survive.

A Hollywood insider dishes the dirt on some of the biggest names in the film industry, including Bob Crane, Elizabeth Taylor, Robert Mitchum, Judy Garland, Errol Flynn, and Winona Ryder, to name just a few, covering thirty-two of the biggest scandals in tinseltown. Original. 10,000 first printing.

The classic no-holds-barred memoir from Hollywood's most legendary stuntman -- an inspiration for Brad Pitt's character Cliff Booth in *Once Upon a Time in Hollywood* -- is "full of incredible stories as told by a real man of action" (Arnold Schwarzenegger). Yep that's me, Hal Needham, on the cover doing a fire stunt. When you're on fire you don't dare breathe because if you do, you'll suck those flames right down your throat. I was Hollywood's highest paid stuntman so I should know. I wrecked hundreds of cars, fell from tall buildings, got blown up, was dragged by horses, and along the way broke 56 bones, my back twice, punctured a lung and knocked out a few teeth...I hung upside down by my ankles under a bi-plane in *The Spirit of St. Louis*, jumped between galloping horses in *Little Big Man*, set a world record for a boat stunt on Gator, jumped a rocket powered pick-up truck across a canal for a GM commercial, was the first human to test the car airbag-and taught John Wayne how to really throw a movie punch. Life also got exciting outside of the movie business. I had my Ferrari stolen right from under my nose, flew in a twin-engine Cessna with a passed out pilot, rescued the cast and crew from a Russian invasion in Czechoslovakia, and once took six flight attendants on a date. I owned the Skoal-Bandit NASCAR race team, the sound-barrier breaking Budweiser Rocket Car and drove a souped-up, fake ambulance in a "little" cross-country race called *The Cannonball Run*, which became the movie I directed by the same name. Oh yeah, I also directed *Smokey and the Bandit*, *Hooper* and several other action/comedy movies that I liked a bunch. I was a sharecropper's son from the hills of Arkansas who became a Hollywood stuntman. That journey was a tough row to hoe. I continually risked my life but that was the career I chose. I was never late to the set and did whatever I had to do to get the job done. Hollywood's not all sunglasses and autographs. Let me tell you a few stories...

For a decade Wallace Reid was the most recognized face in Hollywood, the most universally beloved actor in silent film. Today all that is widely remembered of "Wally" Reid is that he died in a padded sanitarium cell, the victim of a fatal morphine addiction. Of all the actors who have enjoyed great fame only to vanish from the public eye, Reid perhaps fell the fastest and the hardest. This first full biography recounts Reid's complicated childhood, his disrupted family history and his rise to film stardom despite these restricting factors. It documents his myriad talents and accomplishments, most notably his gift for brilliant onscreen acting. The text explores in depth how the modern studio, however unconsciously, turned the popular star, a well-adjusted man with a loving family, into a drug-dependent mental patient within three years. His death rocked the foundations of Hollywood, and the huge new industry that he helped build nearly died with "Dashing Wally Reid." Investigates the death of television Superman George Reeves by a bullet in 1959, revealing his dangerous double life and the tale of jealousy and revenge that lie behind his alleged suicide in Los Angeles. Reprint.

The darkness of war has inundated *Death Catcher* Razio with guilt and anger. His half-humanity keeps him emotionally disparate from his comrades and he finds himself lost, with no hope for redemption. Until, an unexpected life transforms him from enemy, to hero. This heavily illustrated book recounts the many tragic events that have haunted the Hollywood movie community from its early-20th-century beginnings to the present day. Here are accounts of the sudden, premature deaths of stars and celebrities, some of whom became more famous in death than in life.

Part biography, part true-crime narrative, this painstakingly researched book chronicles the improbable rise and stunning fall of Roscoe

