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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

Not since Hedda Hopper and Louella Parsons have two journalists (Breitbart feeds stories to Internet scandalmonger Matt Drudge and Ebner wrote for Spy) gathered more mean-spirited gossip about celebrities they condemn as sick and depraved. This diatribe is so unrelentingly negative that it loses all power to persuade. Breitbart and Ebner cover a variety of subjects they stand against, among them celebrities voicing their political views, a woman's right to choose, single motherhood and celebrities adopting children. In a chapter devoted to anonymous nannies discussing disrespectful kids of anonymous movie stars, the authors suggest mandatory Norplant and vasectomies for Hollywood parents. Hugh Hefner can't win for being wild or conservative; the authors blast the "fossilized relic embalmed in nostalgia and Viagra" for watching a bestiality video 30 years ago, and then condemn him for his intolerance of illegal drugs. Peculiarly, the authors adore gay porn director Paul Barresi, who paid off the "she-males of the night" that Eddie Murphy frequented so they'd change their stories. But when Murphy's lawyers didn't compensate Barresi, he turned all his records over to the authors. Barresi went on to warn Michael Jackson that his latest videographer was also a gay porn director. But when Jackson wouldn't pay for the information, Barresi leaked the story to the tabloids. Instead of calling Barresi a blackmailer, the authors announce that "he has a code of ethics emphasizing loyalty and respect." Most of the gossip isn't new (e.g., Greg Allman was an uninterested father; Whitney Houston, Nick Nolte and Robert Downey Jr. have had drug problems), and without any illuminating backstories, this is a sour and joyless read.

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Review

" Literary assassinations don't come any more vitriolic than Hollywood Interrupted... fascinating stories and explosive revelations... " ("Daily Record, 24 April 2004)

" ... capitalises on our base interest in the more scandalous antics of the showbusiness elite... " ("Birmingham Post, 17 April 2004)

" ... makes for a riveting read." ("Hotdog, May 2004)

" ... lifts the lid on some of Tinseltown's weirdest and most notorious celebrities... " ("Western Daily Press, 3 April 2004)

..."the industry has never been without a scandal, as this jaw-dropping book reveals..." ("Hot Stars, 3 April 2004)

"has appeal and certainly it has shock value" ("The New York Post, Liz Smith, March 15th, 2004)

"terrific book, both snappy and snappish...." ("The Wall Street Journal)

"The next best thing to a Los Angeles friend with a nose for juicy gossip." ("The Wall Street Journal)

"A Hollywood horror-fest. Celebrities are skewered like shish kabobs in Andrew Breitbart and Mark Ebner's.... "Hollywood, Interrupted "Entertainment journalism...[is] a stampede of A-list a**kissing...this bracingly impudent expose...declined to pucker up."("Penthouse, February 2004)

"Shockingly delicious!" ("Star magazine)

The entertainment industry ...takes a beating in [this] scathing collection of revelations about ... scores of luminous entertainment media personalities. ("Fort Worth Star-Telegram)

"This is a fun book!" ("Jon Stewart, The Daily Show)

..."a wildly... entertaining jeremiad against the entertainment industry...against the perverts, flakes, egomaniacs, junkies, bullies and criminals..." ("Rick McGinnis/Metro Toronto)

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"Fearless. Vicious. Hilarious. Andrew Breitbart and Mark Ebner prove conclusively that radical family values + infinite financial resources + cultural idol worship = moral chaos.

Celebrity is the modern American version of aristocracy. *Hollywood, Interrupted* shows that our celebrities are every bit as mad, corrupt, and unaccountable as their Medieval European counterparts (albeit with better teeth). And like the old aristocracy, they really are one big, incestuous family.

What you don't understand—what you could not possibly understand—is that not only are these people nuts: They're nuts who all know each other. Hollywood is the most dysfunctional family in the history of the world and *Hollywood, Interrupted* reads like a transcript of their therapy session. It's cheeky, sophisticated, and authoritative."

—Jonathan Last, *Weekly Standard*

"Hollywood hypocrites are going to simmer with fury at the painful barbs, backed up by plenty of facts, that these two sleuthing authors toss at some of the industry's most beloved stars and wags. If you love Larry King and Oprah, you'd better get ready to defend their honor, because this book deftly melts the shine off their armor."

—Jill Stewart, "Capitol Punishment" syndicated columnist, radio and television political commentator

"'The rich are not like you and me,' F. Scott Fitzgerald said. *Hollywood, Interrupted* demonstrates that the rich and famous are not like anybody—at least anybody you'd want to be, or even shake hands with. In the deliriously scandalous tradition of Hollywood Babylon, Breitbart and Ebner's juicy dispatch from the spiritual capital of the Porn Belt reveals Tinseltown to be a glorified cathouse populated by collagened sociopaths. These also happen to be the people who drive American popular culture. Be afraid, be very afraid."

Rod Dreher, *Dallas Morning News*

"In *Hollywood, Interrupted* Breitbart and Ebner dig deeply into the very heart of our greatest export—pop culture—as produced by Hollywood, the movie industry and the people who affect and infect America. You cannot take a more fascinating or terrifying trip. There are tales of the fabulously famous here you would never know if not for their work. *Hollywood, Interrupted* is a book you have to put down frequently in order to catch your breath. Absolutely riveting."

Lucianne Goldberg, Publisher, Lucianne.com

News Forum and Talk Radio Network host

"This book blew me away. It's more than I wanted to know, but I couldn't stop reading it."

—Orson Bean, actor

"Reading *Hollywood, Interrupted* is like sitting on a stakeout and having a telescopic view into the darkest reaches of the corruption and perversity of today's celebrity culture.

From the very first page to the last, Breitbart and Ebner's probing reporting spells out in graphic detail how Hollywood lives by a set of norms the rest of America finds appropriately appalling—and endlessly

fascinating. The authors have the unusual courage to take on Scientology. They provide revelations about Michael Jackson's sickness that go beyond even today's headlines. They rip the phony veneer off the political correctness of Rosie O'Donnell and Barbra Streisand.

They give readers a behind-the-scenes understanding of how snooping private eyes and ruthless information brokers feed scoops to the tabloids. And, in one riveting chapter, they document how a young woman in the AOL backroom unmasked the bizarre fetishes of some of Tinseltown's top names. *Hollywood, Interrupted* is no 'E' channel fluff.

It's disturbing stuff. But it's all too real and it's utterly riveting."

—Richard Gooding, investigative reporter

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