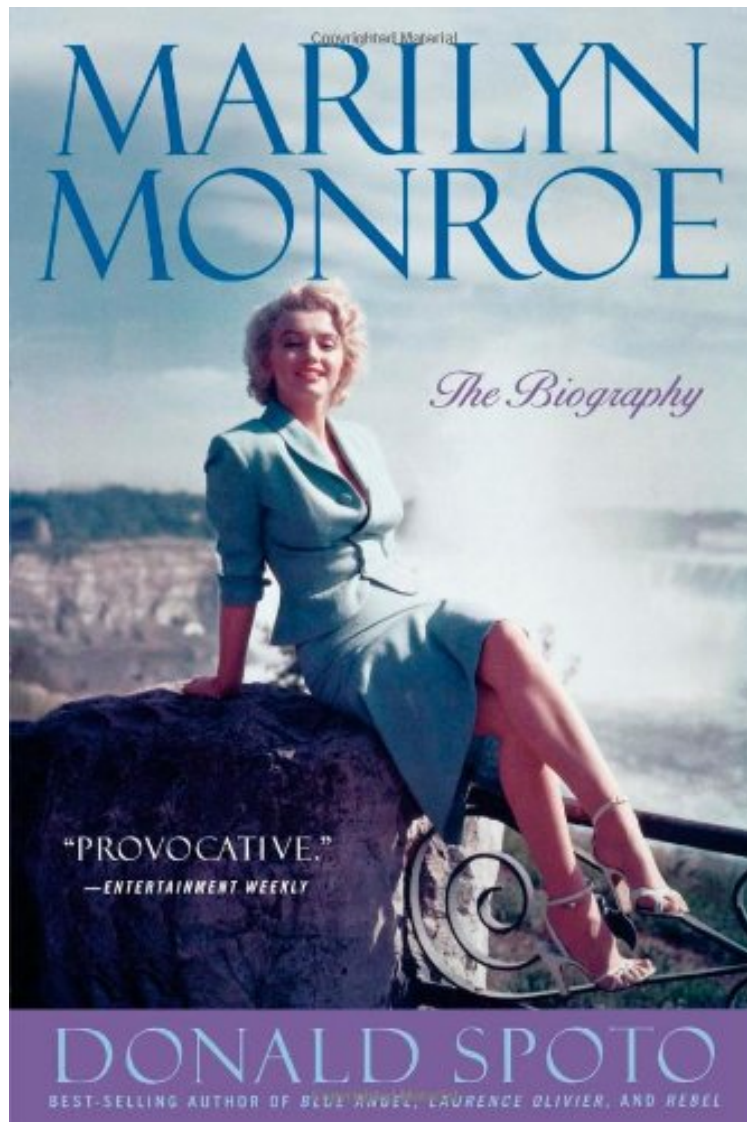


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5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. So great, I've bought 2 of them!By MansfieldMadnessJust in case something ever happened to one copy, I always have my backup copy! This is the best Marilyn biography out there. I own almost 30 biographies on Marilyn and this is by far the best. Not only is Spoto great with his fact checking but he also shows Marilyn in a positive light. He disproves the ridiculous Kennedy rumors and the mob theory. Many people don't realize the Greenson and Murray waited 5 hours to call 9-1-1 and report Marilyn as dead. Something I've

personally always considered suspicious. Some people have claimed that the Kennedy's told them to wait while they had the FBI come in and sweep the home. Very doubtful. Wouldn't someone have noticed or heard FBI agents cleaning out a home at 2 am? Overall an excellent book. Spoto goes into Marilyn's family's cases of illness and even back to her great grandparents. Overall I would give this book 100 stars if I could! This is always my first recommendation to people who want to read about Marilyn. Just don't ask to borrow one of my copies. ;) 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. I liked this book for the immense detail into her life. By STEFANIE G SMITH I liked this book for the immense detail into her life...right up to her death, then it lost me with its "accidental/housekeeper/doctor/enema" theory. I liked Donald H. Wolfe's book better and found that one fascinating. Both could use more photos, but then who hasn't seen a zillion photos of MM? 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A BIOGRAPHICAL TRIUMPH By LA This is one of the best biographies I have ever read. Donald Spoto encapsulates Marilyn Monroe's entire life in this one book and more importantly he backs up everything with spot-on documentation. He addresses all the supposed eye-witness accounts, rumors and innuendos which have corrupted this woman's reputation for decades. Spoto not only acts as one heck of an investigative journalist but he gives us invaluable insights into human behavior. I hated to put this book down.... Thank you, Mr. Spoto for this magnificent piece of work. I wish we had known the truth a lot sooner.

Spoto's biography of Hollywood icon Marilyn Monroe makes use of over 150 interviews and more than 35,000 pages of previously sealed files, including Monroe's diaries, letters, and other personal and revealing documents. The book reveals new details of every aspect of her life, from her guarded childhood, and her relationships with men and marriages, to her mysterious death. Spoto comments on previous books about Marilyn, and puts to rest questions regarding Monroe's connection with the Kennedys.

This is a book that wound up teaching me a great deal about Hollywood, the social history of California, the movie business, the trials of female actors in American show business and the life of a woman who has been so mythologized that often the real woman is obscured from actual view. (Erica Jong *The Instrumentalist*) Spoto has given Monroe the treatment she deserves. At last she emerges not as a goddess but as a human being in this extraordinary volume. (The Daily Telegraph) About the Author Donald Spoto is the author of *Blue Angel: The Life of Marlene Dietrich*, *Rebel: The Life and Legend of James Dean*, *The Dark Side of Genius: The Life of Alfred Hitchcock*, *Diana: The Last Year*, *The Hidden Jesus: A New Life*, and *Jacqueline Bouvier Kennedy Onassis: A Life*.