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Part of the Encore Film Book Classics series, this is a reprint of the original text to Hollywood Divas by James Robert Parish.

Which slapstick redhead reduced Joan “Mommie Dearest” Crawford to tears? Which tragic songbird secretly carried vodka to her ambulance as she was carted off on a stretcher? Can you name the blonde prima donna who went on a shopping spree so wild that she bought a whole town? These are but a few of the high jinks of Hollywood’s favorite “It Girls,” whose overdrive to personal and career excess earned them the rank of diva. Each of the book’s 70 chapters reveals in rich detail the subject’s often torturous road to fame and how it shaped her oversized personality, needs, and demands. This volume delivers an eye-popping backstage peek into the lusty private lives and cutthroat careers of Hollywood’s most memorable bad girls over the decades. The iconoclastic Hollywood Divas presented are: Jean Arthur, Lucille Ball, Tallulah Bankhead, Theda Bara, Drew Barrymore, Ethel Barrymore, Kim Basinger, Clara Bow, Louise Brooks, Brett Butler, Mariah Carey, Cher, Joan Collins, Joan Crawford, Dorothy Dandridge, Bette Davis, Dolores Del Rio, Marlene Dietrich, Shannen Doherty, Patty Duke, Faye Dunaway, Jane Fonda, Kay Francis, Zsa Zsa Gabor, Greta Garbo, Ava Gardner, Judy Garland, Greer Garson, Paulette Goddard, Melanie Griffith, Jean Harlow Susan Hayward, Rita Hayworth, Sonja Henie, Katharine Hepburn, Miriam Hopkins, Whitney Houston, Betty Hutton, Janet Jackson, Grace Kelly, Veronica Lake, Hedy Lamarr, Jennifer Lopez, Jeanette MacDonald, Madonna, Jayne Mansfield, Liza Minnelli, Marilyn Monroe, Maria Montez, Demi Moore, Mae Murray, Vera Ralston, Joan Rivers, Julia Roberts, Roseanne, Diane Ross, Meg Ryan, Norma Shearer, Cybill Shepherd, Britney Spears, Sharon Stone, Barbra Streisand, Gloria Swanson, Elizabeth Taylor, Lana Turner, Lupe Velez, Mae West, Shelley Winters, Natalie Wood, and Loretta Young.

A must-have volume for every pop-culture fanatic, Hollywood Divas promises to tantalize you with juicy tidbits and saucy scandals that earned each of these devilish darlings the title of diva.

JAMES ROBERT PARISH, a former entertainment reporter, publicist, and book series editor, is the author of many published major biographies and reference books on the entertainment industry including *Whitney Houston: We Will Always Love You*; *The Hollywood Book of Extravagance*; *It’s Good to Be the King: The Seriously Funny Life of Mel Brooks*; *The Hollywood Book of Breakups*; *Fiascos: Hollywood’s Iconic Flops*; *The Hollywood Book of Love*; *Jet Li*; *The Encyclopedia of Ethnic Groups in Hollywood*; *The Hollywood Book of Death*; *Gus Van Sant*; *Whoopi Goldberg*; *Rosie O’Donnell’s Story*; *The Unofficial “Murder, She Wrote” Casebook*; *Today’s Black Hollywood*; *Let’s Talk! America’s Favorite TV Talk Show Hosts*; *Prison Pictures from Hollywood*; *Prostitution in Hollywood Films*; *The Great Cop Pictures*; *Ghosts and Angels in Hollywood Films*; *Pirates and Seafaring Swashbucklers on the Hollywood Screen*; *Gays and Lesbians in Mainstream Cinema*; *Hollywood’s Great Love Teams*; and *The Fox Girls*. Mr. Parish is a frequent on-camera interviewee on cable and network TV for documentaries on the performing arts. The author resides in Studio City, California.

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