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You probably think you know all there is to know: Anna Nicole Smith lost her son. She accidentally overdosed. She was a drug addict.

You don't know a thing...

She was famous for being famous-American at its Scarlet Letter-wearing best. A bodacious young girl from Texas, Anna remade herself into the centrefold of the world. She was a "dumb blonde," a stripper, a Playboy Playmate, who boldly took her case against her billionaire husband's family all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court. Her tragic life and untimely death evoke an odd mix of fascination, shock, and dismay. And through it all, there still exists a voracious thirst to discover more about who she actually was...and how she *really* died.

In a book that is sure to surprise even the most avid pop culture junkies, Rita Cosby blows the lid off this astounding story. After an in-depth investigation, this is the definitive journalistic account of the Anna Nicole Smith saga -- with unearthed secrets and explosive, never-before-told information.

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Myra says

This was okay, but as with any book of this type, you have to take it all with a grain of salt. Cosby does seem to nail some things directly on the head, but then she turns around and reports false information without having actually done the appropriate fact-checking. I will say this, though - it was far better than the other Anna Nicole Smith book that hit the shelves at that time (Train Wreck).

Mark says

Very straight forward and seemingly accurate account by a reporter familiar with Anna Nicole, of how Howard K. Stern murdered Daniel Smith and Anna Nicole. Very sad and pathetic what a person can do when they take over your life. Howard was an abuser who isolated Anna from friends and family and kept her dependent on drugs. Very insightful and sad, a wasted life of an honestly very naive young woman and the love of her life, her son Daniel.

Angela says

Didn't get to write a review when I finished, so I will now.....Learned a lot from this book. I was always suspicious of what went on when it was in the news. And if this book is true, then what I suspicioned is true. That she was killed & her son Daniel was too. All for the money she might get from the billionaire Marshall she married. I didn't follow her or anything she did, because I didn't agree with how she lived her life. But when everything that happened started to be reported on the news, it just sounded "not right" to me. So when I saw this book, I wanted to read & see if someone else thought the same or just what they thought.....I liked the flow of the it. Was written well I thought. I read it fairly quickly for me. Very interesting. Beware who your friends are, especially if you might be inheriting a LOT of money.

Elise Swenson says

Great book! Rita "shocking" Cosby's (MSNBC reporter) shocking account of Anna Nicole's shocking death. Objective, yet shocking, shockingly trashy. Wished I'd saved it for a shocking read at the beach. Highly recommended.

Kelli says

My friend told me to read this and It took me over a week to read do to losing lack of interest in reading it. Everything in the book could've been told in a 30min news segment on tv...which I think they did anyway. I guess if your wanting to know more about Anna's death and events leading up to it....this is the book for you.

Leeanne Arial says

Terrible! Nothing but conjecture and tabloid trash. Practically everything in this book is a work of fiction. Disappointed to see so many people buying this when it was proven that Rita attempted to bribe witnesses and was unable to produce ONE credible (or otherwise) source. I could see how people not knowing a lot about Anna Nicole would find it interesting, but if you are a true fan; SKIP THIS ONE. It is salacious and interesting but it should be categorized as a novel not a biography. Good for anyone looking to read something "sexy" without caring about the truth-but if you want the truth? Check out Pol Atteu and Patrik Simpson's tribute book to Anna, "Portrait of an Icon"

Doris Jean says

Yes, blonde ambition: Vickie Lynn Hogan Hart Smith Marshall was a single mom high school drop-out with a little boy named Daniel Wayne Smith. She wanted to be Marilyn Monroe. In October, 1991, she met J. Howard Marshall, who was a retired trust and probate attorney worth \$550,000,000 while she was working the lunch shift as a topless dancer at a gentlemen's club in Houston. Marshall helped fund and promote her career. In 1992 she was on the cover of Playboy and was the Playmate of the Year in 1993. She changed her name to Anna Nicole Smith - ANS - and got other modelling jobs.

Howard K. Stern became an attorney in February, 1994 and ANS became his client. Managing her career, she got jobs in movies and modelling and as a spokesmodel for Guess, Lane Bryant, Live, and TrimSpa.

In June, 1994, At age 26, ANS married Marshall, age 89. He gifted Vickie a ranch, jewelry and other valuables worth over a million dollars. Marshall had an updated Will and left his probate estate to his son. He died a year later, and multiple lawsuits were filed asking that ANS get half the estate (Stern vs. Marshall).

ANS had a reality show on TV from 2002-2003. ANS was moved "offshore" to the Bahamas. Her son Daniel had become isolated from her, and he claimed that Stern would not let him see his mother. He consulted a detective. When ANS gave birth to a daughter in September, 2006, Daniel went there to see his mother and newborn sister and died in ANS's hospital room in the maternity ward of an overdose of three drugs. Daniel had the business card of the detective in his pocket. Stern was present in the room. The last photo of Daniel was sold by "someone" for \$600,000 dollars. A photo taken in September, 2006 of a commitment ceremony between ANS and Stern was sold by "someone" for a millions dollars.

ANS died in February, 2007 of an overdose of drugs, eight of which were prescribed to Stern. Stern had himself listed on the birth certificate as the father of the newborn girl, but a paternity lawsuit was filed and DNA showed the biological father was Birkhead and not Stern.

If this book were fiction, I think it would never be published because of the snarled complexities of the plot. But truth is stranger than fiction.

I liked this book because it exposed some of the greed, fraud, amorality, manipulations and complexities of human predators. There were multiple lawsuits. I feel disgust when I hear the names of some of the protagonists, and in my opinion, there were two murders as well as multiple other crimes committed. This is

a tangled mess of lawsuits and appeals which I believe is keeping lawyers busy even today.

Violet says

Oh yes, I really did read this. Right after the book about the Korean War. I like to keep my brain guessing.

I was never a fan of Anna Nicole Smith, and I wasn't particularly upset or intrigued by her death, but I read this for the sake of it and it fulfilled pretty much everything it promised to fulfil.

That said, it wasn't particularly well-written, and I feel pretty confident that a fan of Smith would be able to read something more, and better, elsewhere.

Sharon says

I had wanted to read this book for years, and went for it the other day at the library. Did I learn anything new? NO...maybe two things that I really did not know from all the news reporting after her death...Larry is gay and she was bisexual... What did I want to learn about Anna Nicole Smith and did not learn? Maybe more information about her childhood and growing up. There was a little information, maybe a chapter of the book, but not much. This book was simply a review (rehash) of everything published previously about Anna Nicole Smith.

Kara says

This isn't going to win any awards, but it was an interesting look into the "third side of the story". In my opinion, Rita Cosby can't write for anything, but if you're interested in the scandal surrounding Anna Nicole's murder, it's worth a read. It took me about a week to get through, so it's quick. I'm not sure how much of this story I believe though...part of me wants to say it's too far fetched, but if there's one thing Anna Nicole taught us, it's that sometimes truth is stranger than fiction!

Sara says

Very interesting book, detailing events of Anna's life. Although, this book may leave you with more questions than answers, it is a great book to get your mind wandering. Some pieces of the "Anna" puzzle come together like a light bulb going off. I hope there is a follow up by someone who was personally closer to Anna, but NOT Howard K. Stearn - read the book to understand that comment!

Cheryl Prince says

I've always considered Anna Nicole Smith quite a curious character so when this book crossed my path for free, I couldn't resist reading it. I am so happy I never paid a penny for this as it just comes across as an

opportunist money-making scheme by someone who wanted in on the action.

The writing is so disjointed and the timeline jumps around massively that it's hard to keep track of what Cosby is trying to say. It's pretty clear she's making plenty of accusations though. All of them very baseless. She could very well be right in her assumptions but she has zero evidence to back them up.

All in all, this was very disappointing.

Cassandra Javier says

First book I finished reading this 2014! yay! :)

This is the untold story of the events that led up to Anna Nicole Smith's death in 2007. As a Pop-Culture geek, and some sort of a fatalist, when I came across this book, I realized that I really had to buy it because I always like getting an inside look regarding these mysterious Hollywood Deaths.

Anna Nicole's death affected me in such a way that back then, it really opened up my mind to what drugs can do to someone. She was trying to get her life back, but people around her were vicious, and yes, she really fell into the perils that greed, loneliness and despair can bring.

This book was written well and is a fast-paced read. I barely like non-fictional books because they bore me but this one was very effective. It was written with the help of a series of investigations, and is something that will help you understand what happened to Anna Nicole Smith. It's shocking, it's poignant, and it's albeit disturbing, but worth reading.

Whether or not you were a fan of the deceased model, this book is worth spending your time on.

Marianne Jay says

This story is very disturbing. Some of it I knew from news accounts, other parts came as a total shock.

The parallels between Marilyn Monroe and Anna Nicole are, quite frankly, creepy.

Both addicted to drugs, both surrounded themselves with toxic people who had agenda's, both were murdered (I believe that Marilyn was murdered and I do believe that Anna Nicole was murdered.)

It actually seems as if Marilyn was reincarnated into Anna Nicole Smith.

Rita Cosby makes some allegations in this book that I actually find believable. In fact, Howard Stern filed a lawsuit against Rita Cosby and he dropped it - what does that tell you.

This poor, broken soul did not have to die, but because of greed and fame hungry morons, she did die.

But it gets worse - because not only did Anna die - but her son Daniel died as well. I bet dollars to donuts that he was murdered as well. Daniel was going to great lengths to get his mom out of her current situation -

and look what happened to him.

Nicolle says

This book was an excellent time line. I enjoyed reading the book because I felt it broke down for those of not involved in the immediate the events that took place. I believe that something took place out of the ordinary with this group of scum, I believe innocent people did get tangled up in their mess However, I believe "birds of a feather flock together." It is ironic that when I first heard the mention of Larry Birkhead being gay , I laughed only because I stated to my husband when the whole pregnancy was announced that he looked totally "gay." I believe all of them will get what is due to them. I am astonished that the general public is surprised by the garbage and behavior that the so called "hollywood people" have graced our society with. Shame, Shame on them. The book was just another glimpse into there poor pathetic lives.
