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A REVEALING BIOGRAPHY OF A MAN WHO CREATED A LEGENDARY BUSINESS AND HIMSELF BECAME THE STUFF OF LEGEND.

No one with long and happy memories of a legend wants to have them too woefully disturbed, and Leonard Mosley has not set out to upset or destroy the image so many people cherish of the remarkable Walt Disney. But while sharing the general admiration of a man whose cinematic achievements were always so happily inspired and inspiring, this biographer discloses all the facts, no matter how unpalatable, about a man whose all too human flaws and weaknesses of character were as real as a genuine talents and vision

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Natasha says

Note that I am a huge Disney fan, but this book was awesome. It read more like a story than a biography. I loved it, and the details given were pretty good. When there is discrepancy about a point, the author specifically points it out and makes sure that the reader is aware. It was great and very informative as well as a fun read.

Kylie says

I could not put this book down. I loved learning about the beginnings of Disney and the man behind all of those fabulous ideas. Some people warned me that this was an unflattering portrait of Walt Disney, but I didn't feel that way at all. The book showed that he was human, but I was expecting that. All in all a good read if you are looking for a biography.

Lorianne says

Walt Disney is really a fascinating person. He was such a creative genius and it was fun to learn more about the man than the legend. I think the author did a good job and it was really interesting to read.

Maicey says

If I could give a lower rating I would.

The first half of this book was done really well. I've read countless biographies on Walt Disney and the first half was up to standard. The second half, however, just made me angry. Walt Disney was by no means a perfect man, and I don't pretend to think he was. He was a human being, with his own faults and misgivings. But the second half of this book makes him sound like an absolute monster. The author describes him as (among other things) bigoted, racist, and anti-semitic, and nothing could be further from the truth. While reading this it seemed to me that the author wanted to trash Walt's reputation. Walt Disney was far from perfect, but a lot of what the author says of him in this book is complete slander. I wouldn't recommend this book to anyone. I threw it out after I finished reading it.

galleycat says

Publisher's take: "No one with long and happy memories of a legend wants to have them too woefully disturbed, and Leonard Mosley has not set out to upset or destroy the image so many people cherish of the remarkable Walt Disney. But while sharing the general admiration of a man whose cinematic achievements were always so happily inspired and inspiring, this biographer discloses all the facts, no matter how unpalatable, about a man whose all too human flaws and weaknesses of character were as real as his genuine

talents and vision."

My take: If that sounds like an apology from the publisher for what you're about to read, well, that's because it is. Disney had a few issues. Watching Mickey and Minnie will never be the same.

Riveting reading, by the way.

A caveat: I noticed there are a few Amazon reader/reviewers questioning the veracity of this book, despite Mosley's widely heralded reputation as a thorough, first-rate biographer. There's no way for me to really know how close to the truth this book really is, but my instinct tells me Mosley is at least in the ball park.

Rebecca The Files of Mrs. E, says

I like Disney, I like biographies, and I liked this book. :) Mosley did a good job being impartial, sharing both positive and negative aspects of Disney's life. With someone like Walt Disney it would be easy to spend the book lauding his every move or to want to totally trash him and knock him off the pedestal. I'm sure Mostley leaned towards the more positive side in detailing his life but he didn't hid negative things and even talked about the whole cyrogenics rumor. It is an older book though so some of the references might be out of date for younger people and the Disney corporation has changed and expanded since the book was written. It seems to have gotten closer to Walt's visions for his organization. This was the perfect book to get me in the mood for our upcoming Disney World trip. :)

Rick Ludwig says

This was an okay biography of DIsney, but really had little that wasn't in other better versions. I gave it a three rating considering when it was written.

Mark says

Author didn't get the timeline of when movies were released right, and seemed to attempt to create drama in the Disney History when there wasn't any drama. Of the roughly 8 biographies of Walt Disney I've read, this was probably the worst one.

DAISY DISNEY says

There was some interesting things written in this book about Mr. Disney that I did not know about. For one thing, I had never heard of the idea that some people believe he is not burried in Forest Lawn as the public was told, but rather that he in fact is frozen so that somewhere down the line, when medica science makes it possible, he can be brought back to life. As funny and crazy as that sounds, it might be true. During the last few years of his life he belived in Cryogenesis. To me this was the most interesting read in the whole book. I also never imagined all of the conflict that played out between Walt and his brother Roy. Reading this book

made Walt more real and reminded me that although he built the most magical place of all, he was human like the rest of us.

Joe says

I learned more on what Walt Disney's dreams were. What Walt had to do to make ends meet not only as a child, but also as an adult, especially when taking big risks to make your dreams come true and become a reality.

Jessica says

If you want to read a bio on the man behind the "happiest place on earth" that isn't sugar coated this book is for you.

Bob says

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