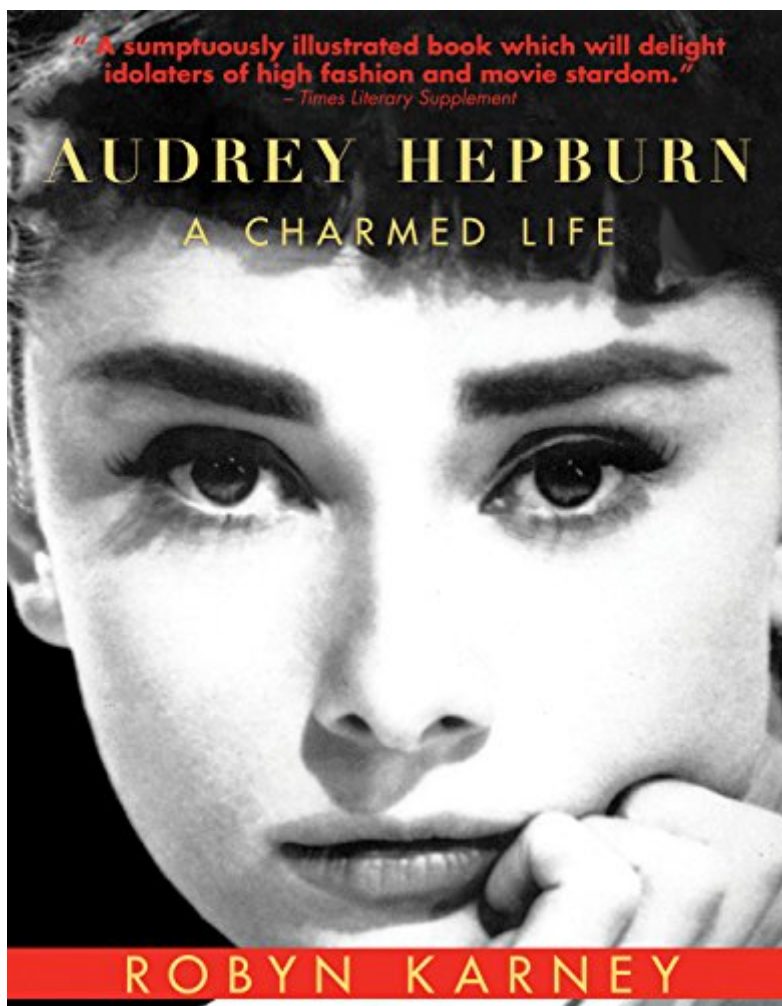




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Audrey Hepburn: A Charmed Life



Synopsis

A sumptuous book which will delight idolaters of high fashion and movie stardom. **Times Literary Supplement** Audrey Hepburn is a sumptuous celebration of Hepburn as a beloved fashion icon and actress. Karney tells the story of Hepburn's life, from her childhood in Nazi-occupied Holland, through her early aspirations to become a ballet dancer, the instant and universal acclaim of her onscreen debut and her years as one of Hollywood's most sought-after stars, to her later life working among the poorest children of the Third World. Karney's book gives fans a rare view into the life of a beloved star. Hepburn's acting career began after a series of minor revue and film roles in London. Hepburn was spotted by the writer Colette, who immediately cast her in the central role of a Broadway adaptation of her story, *Gigi*. Soon afterwards, Hepburn was offered a role alongside Gregory Peck in *Roman Holiday*, for which she collected an Oscar for Best Actress. The book highlights all her success that followed: she won the Tony Award for Best Actress for *On the Waterfront*, captivated audiences as Natasha in *War and Peace*, and was highly praised for her brilliance in a serious role in *The Nun's Story*. Hepburn's style was perfection, and her clothes—many of them designed by Givenchy, who dressed her for *Funny Face* in 1957—placed her on the world's Best-Dressed Women list for several consecutive years. Her personality and sensuous yet untouchable beauty made her irresistible to the public. On Hepburn's death, Liz Taylor said, "God has a most beautiful new angel now that will know just what to do in heaven." Skyhorse Publishing, along with our Arcade, Good Books, Sports Publishing, and Yucca imprints, is proud to publish a broad range of biographies, autobiographies, and memoirs. Our list includes biographies on well-known historical figures like Benjamin Franklin, Nelson Mandela, and Alexander Graham Bell, as well as villains from history, such as Heinrich Himmler, John Wayne Gacy, and O. J. Simpson. We have also published survivor stories of World War II, memoirs about overcoming adversity, first-hand tales of adventure, and much more. While not every title we publish becomes a New York Times bestseller or a national bestseller, we are committed to books on subjects that are sometimes overlooked and to authors whose work might not otherwise find a home.

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Written by someone who obviously adored Audrey. Yet it comes across as completely honest and sincere. The back stories are always so interesting!! I would highly recommend this book to anyone who has seen any of her movies. She will always be "My Fair Lady"!!

Because I loved her as an actress and as an obvious lady, I wanted to read this and could scarcely put it down. I wish the biographer had been able to get some actual interviews with her, but then, that was part of her mystique!

Fascinating read. I had no idea of the tribulations in her life. Reading about how she persevered and concentrated on doing good for others was inspiring. I highly recommend this book. It's well written and engrossing.

I enjoyed reading this biography of a glamorous larger than life, legendary actress. It was a wonderful chronicle of her life, her work in films and her humanitarian efforts.

If you're a fan, this is an excellent book. A listing of all her films, with just enough back story to make

watching them again a lot more interesting.

Although not an in depth biography of her personal life. An excellent overview of her movies and the impacts of her life. Well worth the trip of this enjoyable read.

Well written and very interesting to read about her early childhood. If you like biographies and like Audrey Hepburn this is a no brainer.

Loved her, loved this book. Like a glimpse into her life, successes & struggles. Noone like her, the grace & dignity inspite of all the difficulties life thru her.

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