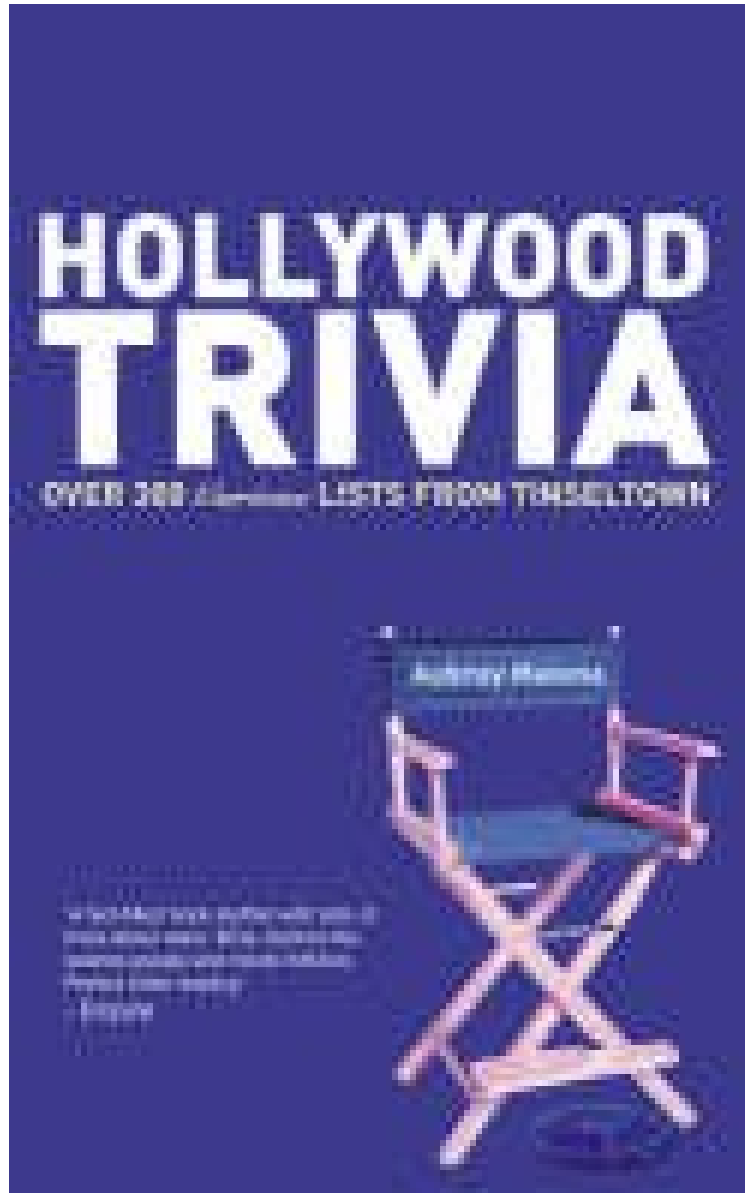


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first glance, HOLLYWOOD TRIVIA would seem to be a trivia buff's dream come true. It brings together 300+ lists on any and all aspects of Hollywood life. Published in 2004, it is a revised edition of a 1999 English release entitled I WAS A FUGITIVE FROM A HOLLYWOOD TRIVIA FACTORY: A BOOK OF HOLLYWOOD LISTS. Thank God someone changed that title! The material found in the book's 314 pages is kinda/sorta arranged A to Z by Subject. I say that because the B section, for example, includes Warren Beatty, Biopics, Dates of Birth, Birthplaces, Bizarre Facts, Blacking Up, Body Doubles, James Bond and Boxers. The G section contains Blunders, Galimony, Sam Goldwyn and Gone With the Wind. I guess there's a logic there. I don't claim to be a Hollywood trivia expert but I did come across some goofs that make me wonder how accurate the lists are. For example: Bogart got his lip scar in WWI not WWII; Cary Grant's given name was Archie Leach not Leech; Robert Mitchum was not a spy behind German lines in WWII; Marlene Dietrich wasn't married to John Gilbert; James Arness did not go from the Small Screen to the Big Screen; Butterfly McQueen didn't win an Oscar for GWTW; Judy Garland didn't audition for the TV version of the 'Our Gang' series; and so on. I might have given the book three stars had the price tag been less. \$15.95 is just too steep for a collection of lists. HOLLYWOOD TRIVIA will probably be an automatic purchase for trivia buffs. And movie fans will undoubtedly enjoy it. To my mind, it's an optional purchase.

Did you know that Harrison Ford was cast by accident while working as a carpenter on the set of Star Wars? That Tom Cruise was voted the pupil least likely to succeed in high school? And that Demi Moore ordered a retake of a scene in The Scarlet Letter at a cost of \$100,000 because she didn't like the way her hair looked? An Aladdin's cave full of hundreds of little-known movie facts, Hollywood Trivia will fascinate and astound even the most knowledgeable film buff. Readers may never watch classic movies in quite the same way again!