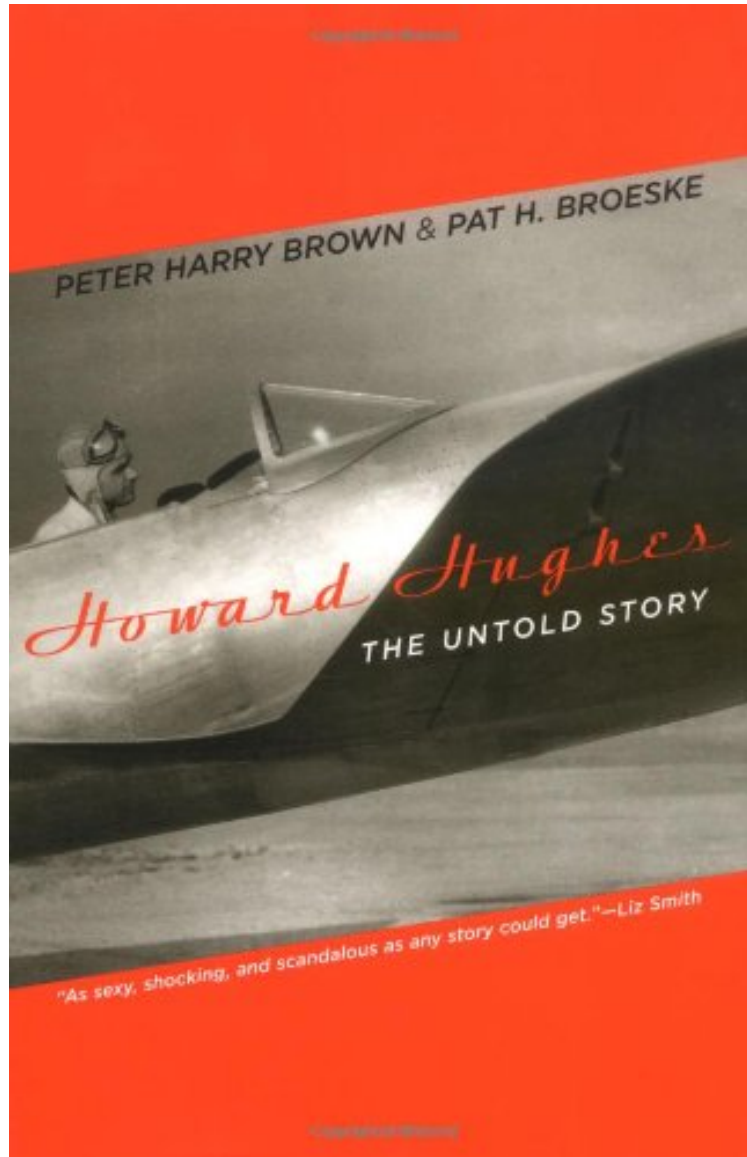


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**Peter Harry Brown, Pat H. Broeske : Howard Hughes: The Untold Story** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Howard Hughes: The Untold Story:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. An Incredible Life Story of An Incredible Man!By J. HauckReview of: "Howard Hughes: The Untold Story," Hardcover March 1, 1996 by Peter Harry Brown.Broeske and Brown have created an excellent biography. Many people came across Howard Hughes (HH) as an icon from Scorsese's 2004

movie "The Aviator." Being slightly older I remembered the Hughes legacy from his involvement by lending his name to the Hughes Glomar Explorer (HGE) / K-129 Scandal where the HGE was commissioned to be built for the CIA (thus government owned) in order for that agency to covertly attempt the recovery of the Soviet K-129 Submarine in 1974 from the bottom of the ocean after it sank in 1968. This mission was known as "Project Azorian." I found out about it (like almost everyone else at the time) when the Case of Phillippi v. CIA, 546 F.2d 1009 (D.C. Cir. 1976) was filed and subsequently The Agency refused to "confirm or deny the existence" of any records or information concerning the operation. Regardless, back to the biography. Howard Hughes' life is examined in great detail. The world came to know Hughes as "the brilliant inventor and shrewd businessman who pioneered commercial aviation, became the only individual ever to personally own a movie studio, led Trans World Airlines to become the preeminent international air carrier, womanized his way across the tabloid headlines of the 1920s and '30s, and descended into frightful paranoia and drug addiction in his old age." Authors Brown and Broeske however add much more detail about Howard's parents and background to portray him as a true human being in three-dimensions. The authors focus on Hughes' actual and perceived psychological disorders (most likely OCD, etc.); his passions for innovation in aviation and other enterprises prior to, during, and after WWII to include science and medicine; his excessive womanizing; his involvement in politics (Donald Nixon Scandal); etc. This biography reads quickly as the reader will be unlikely to put it down. If the movie "The Aviator" is of interest to you then read this biography to fill in the gaps particularly about the later years' of HH's life to include the memoir hoax of Clifford Irving and how HH's estate was distributed after his death (he was ruled to have died intestate, but there were many wills that surfaced). In short, this biography is a great read and incredibly detailed. Although it may hover around his eccentricities it pays homage to an incredible figure of the Twentieth Century; one that is probably still undervalued and under appreciated. Five stars for an incredible life story. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Fascinating Bio, Lousy Kindle Edition By Grilch After watching The Aviator I wanted to know more about Hughes and this seemed to be the most reputable volume. Very well written and researched, this bio tells you all you need to know about the man and the truth and the details are much more outlandish than even Hollywood can portray. All areas of Hughess life are examined in detail but the focus here leans more toward his mental/emotional problems and his pathological womanizing. Hughes remains one of the most fascinating and brilliant figures of the 20th Century but by the end of the book I grew weary of the minutiae of his madness and ended up glossing over many sections which became increasingly depressing variations on a theme: A fearless innovator and adventurer whose wild excesses were unrestrained by financial limits but who was imprisoned, crippled, and ultimately destroyed by physical and mental illness. Readers looking for sensational voyeurism will likely be more satisfied than history buffs. KINDLE READERS: This edition has an awkward font that can't be changed and creates occasional display errors. No "time left" shown for chapters and individual chapters can only be accessed through hotlinks in the Table of Contents instead of the Go To menu. Pretty lame, considering the above average price. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Icarus By Noctem If youre looking for Howard the Business Man, keep looking. You wont find an exhaustive analysis of Hughes financial ventures here, nor does this work detail Howard the Aviator (Charles Bartons Howard and his Flying Boat is currently the single best work available on Howards aviation achievements). Sure the book does cover these areas, as it follows the full sweep of the mans near-mythical life from his restrictive rearing by a hypochondriacal mother, to his stunningly inglorious demise in 1976 but the main focus of Brown and Broeskes The Untold Story is Howard the Lady-Killer, the handsome, wealthy rock star with a visionary mind and balls of brass. Through the maze of Howards love life, a fascinating, intimate portrait emerges of a man who could be supremely charming and charitable, manipulative and callous. Yet, the book never loses sight of the central villain: Howards obsessive-compulsive disorder, the symptoms of which were made worse by numerous head injuries. In the light of this condition, much of Hughes seemingly strange behavior is understood. Brown and Broeske do go some length to maintain an air of respect for the man, making impressive use of secondary sources to dutifully dispel some of the erroneous rumors hovering around Howard Hughes, elevating The Untold Story above the dreadful tabloid biographies that plague the market. Its likely there will always be an air of mystery around Howard Hughes, but The Untold Story does an admirable job in presenting a coherent insight into an extraordinary figure.

Howard Hughes was one of the most amazing, intriguing, and controversial figures of the twentieth century. He was the billionaire head of a giant corporation, a genius inventor, an ace pilot, a matinee-idol-handsome playboy, a major movie maker who bedded a long list of Hollywood glamour queens, a sexual sultan with a harem of teenage consorts, a political insider with intimate ties to Watergate, a Las Vegas kingpin, and ultimately a bizarre recluse whose final years and shocking death were cloaked in macabre mystery. Now he is the subject of Martin Scorsese's biopic The Aviator. Few people have been able to penetrate the wall of secrecy that enshrouded this complex man. In this fascinating, revelation-packed biography, the full story of one of the most daring, enigmatic, and reclusive power brokers America has ever known is finally told.

.com Surely there are few untold stories about Hughes, the brilliant inventor and shrewd businessman who pioneered

commercial aviation, became the only individual ever to personally own a movie studio, led Trans World Airlines to become the preeminent international air carrier, womanized his way across the tabloid headlines of the 1920s and '30s, and descended into frightful paranoia and drug addiction in his old age. Authors Broeske and Brown concentrate on the womanizing in this entertaining biography, which chronicles Hughes' affair with Katharine Hepburn, among many others. From Library Journal With at least eight biographies of Hughes still in print, folks may wonder how much more there is to tell about the enigmatic billionaire. Brown (Marilyn, Dutton, 1992) here focuses on his subject's personal life. Copyright 1995 Reed Business Information, Inc. "Insanely compelling." -- The Rake December 2004 "The most measured [of Hughes biographies]." -- New York Times 12/21/04