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Heath Ledger was one of the most charismatic actors of his generation. After establishing a high-profile Hollywood career at the age of 21 with the lead in *A Knight's Tale*, Ledger pursued a series of increasingly diverse, often subversive roles that belied his image as a teen idol. Edgier films such as *Monster's Ball* gave tantalizing hints of his talent, but it wasn't until *Brokeback Mountain* that he proved beyond question the full extent of his abilities. His sudden death rocked the film industry and threw a poignant shadow over the body of work that has now become his legacy. Here, Brian J. Robb explores Ledger's relationships with actresses Michelle Williams, Naomi Watts, and Heather Graham, recounts the making of *Brokeback Mountain* and the film's impact, and charts Ledger's increasingly troubled state of mind. *Heath Ledger: Hollywood's Dark Star* paints a memorable portrait of a compelling and intense young man whose loss will be felt for years to come."

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Meredith Walker says

found this an interesting insight into his career and the decisions he made but was still left wanting to know more about him as a person.

Kirsten says

It was a hard read, because he was such a wonderful actor, but I loved it.

Jule says

Stunning. I couldn't stop reading the book. Heath's life story is really amazing to read and once more I realize what a tragedy and great loss his death was. :(
You don't need to be a huge Heath Ledger fan to read the biography.

Christina Bergstrom says

This was a good book as far as Biographies go. It was well written and allowed the reader to see the many sides of this person. As a teacher, I do not think that I would require this as a read, but if a student wished to read this as a choice that would be fine.

Rubi says

I never had money, and I was very happy without it. When I die, my money's not gonna come with me. My movies will live on, for people to judge what I was as a person. I just want to stay curious.

Heath Ledger is still one Of my favorite actors! He's a legend .. RIP ..

Natalia says

Peace to you, dear Heath! He is my favourite actor.

Lexy Davis says

I really liked this book. Heath was an incredible actor, and his tragic death was heartbreaking. I almost cried during the last chapter! He will be greatly missed!

Isabella says

I bought this book back when I was extremely obsessed with Heath Ledger lol so his death was a shock to me, and I proceeded to obsess over him all the much harder.

The book is good. Great, even. It tells the story of his life pretty well and what exactly happened on the day (or actually, *night*) that he died. But... that's it. If you're only interested to know more about him, go ahead and read it (though honestly, I'm sure you can find the very same information online for free lol).

I thought it would have a more personal insight on him/his life, though. Like, what the author thought of him and what not. How Heath changed his life and/or how much he admired him. But nope. Just the story of his life. Oh well.

Carol says

This is pretty much what I expected: A superficial bio rushed out immediately after Ledger died, trying to cash in on the lurid interest that always arises after a 'sleb dies. It's cobbled together from old interviews and his Internet Movie Database resume.

Appararently it was rushed into print so quickly that no one bother to proofread; there are typos throughout the book. Makes you wonder how carefully the author checked his facts if he didn't even bother to check his spelling.

Ledger was a fine actor and I suspect he was a lot more interesting than you'd ever realize from reading this book. It's probably too soon to expect it just yet, but eventually he deserves a real biographer and a real biography.

Emily says

Checked this out from the library after being hugely disappointed by John McShane's biography of Heath Ledger. Still a little superficial and reliant on material quoted from elsewhere, but at least this one was readable and grammatically correct, and had lots of pictures. I think my Heath curiosity is satisfied for now.

Angelique says

I was really disappointed about this book. Heath Ledger is my favourite actor and I wanted to get to know more about his life and character - and of course his early death.

This book gave me the facts - but that was all. I had hoped for a nice read, personal and special but no matter which part of his life was described, there always remained a distance and the question in my head: 'Why does Robb suddenly think he knows Heath Ledger?'

After having read this I am quite sure that Robb never met Heath. Not a good thing for reading a biography. The whole structure of the book is another thing that really disturbed my reading. Quotes of Heath or about him were posted in bold letters on the pages, breaking the fluent text. I hate this and I tried to ignore it - but somehow I couldn't. And even worse is that on a lot of pages the quotes don't fit to the fluent text or the pictures. The pictures were okay - nothing really special. But the notes to the pictures often didn't fit them, which really sucked when I didn't know what situation the picture was from or who was on them together with Heath.

In the middle of the book something must have gone wrong completely because there were pages full of unfinished sentences and incomplete quotations. That was really horrible to read. This confirmed my believe that the author as well as his publishers only wanted to make money with this book - as quickly as possible, as long as Heath's death was still on the minds of people. Gross.

All in all I would not recommend this book to anyone. I decided to read at least one or two other books dealing with Heath Ledger's life. Maybe I get lucky and find one that is not only facts but really worth reading.
