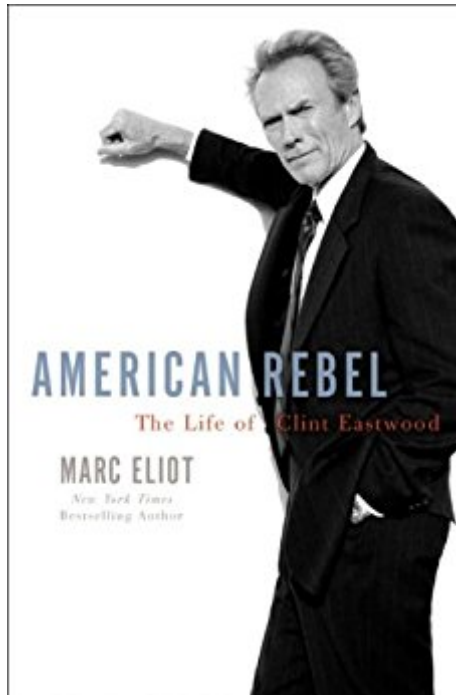




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In *American Rebel*, bestselling author and acclaimed film historian Marc Eliot examines the ever-exciting, often-tumultuous arc of Clint Eastwood's life and career. As a Hollywood icon, Clint Eastwood--one of film's greatest living legends--represents some of the finest cinematic achievements in the history of American cinema. Eliot writes with unflinching candor about Eastwood's highs and lows, his artistic successes and failures, and the fascinating, complex relationship between his life and his craft. Eliot's prodigious research reveals how a college dropout and unambitious playboy rose to fame as Hollywood's "sexy rebel," eventually and against all odds becoming a star in the Academy pantheon as a multiple Oscar winner. Spanning decades, *American Rebel* covers the best of Eastwood's oeuvre, films that have fast become American classics: *Fistful of Dollars*, *Dirty Harry*, *Unforgiven*, *Mystic River*, *Million Dollar Baby*, and *Gran Torino*. Filled with remarkable insights into Eastwood's personal life and public work, *American Rebel* is highly entertaining and the most complete biography of one of Hollywood's truly respected and beloved stars--an actor who, despite being the Man with No Name, has left his indelible mark on the world of motion pictures.

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Customer Reviews

I'm not a huge Clint Eastwood fan, but I enjoyed this bio. He's a talented guy. As the book makes clear, he's also self-absorbed and not even close to husband-family material. The author covered all his movies and career work and kept it moving. It didn't bog down, which can easily happen with so many movies and parts. If you like show biz bios, or are a big fan of Clint Eastwood, this book is a great read.

This is a very well thought out portrayal of both the life, and of the body of work, that Clint Eastwood has lived and produced throughout his storied history. I really enjoyed reading this book. It has a nice flow that never seems to get too bogged down in rhetoric. Just a very real, down to earth, accurate telling of just about everything Eastwood.

First of all for full disclosure, I'm a big Eastwood fan. That being said I didn't love this book. Though it did go chronologically through the movies he made, I thought the writer dwelled too much on Eastwood's failures as a person and husband. While that's part of the story, it really seemed to me that the writer secretly did not like Eastwood and went out of his way to point out his alleged affairs. Most actors, like all of us, are flawed humans. I would have enjoyed it more if there were more stories and behind the scene movie facts...or even some insight into how he was/is with his children. It still was a quick read.

An interesting read. I found it a bit slow in parts, so I skipped over things. It did paint a different picture of him than what is was presented to the world. He is a very driven person.

I had once seen his graduation photo....thought to myself...this guy went to vocational school....Picked up the book as it was on sale, and found I was correct. More power to him

I am not sure why I started reading this book. I was interested in understanding what it takes to become a cinematic icon with a sense of how great stories should be told. I did not get that exactly, but I did get the sense of how a man's sense of self translates to his work. He was able to tell a story and make it very real on the screen., so he was perhaps the most interesting example of the actor/director combination.

Enjoyable read, easy to pick up occasionally and continue reading. Interesting to know about the events in this prominent actor's life which led to his successes, the difficulties, failures and triumphs.

I have loved Clint Eastwood since he started in tv series . He has had such an interesting life and the book tells all . He's still good in his 80s. If you like him at all you will enjoy this book.

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