

Wanderer: Sterling Hayden, a Life in the Shadows of Hollywood, the CIA, and the FBI

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Overview

Wanderer: Sterling Hayden, a Life in the Shadows of Hollywood, the CIA, and the FBI is a captivating biography of the enigmatic actor, Sterling Hayden. Written by Gavin Lambert, the book delves into the complex life of Hayden, from his early days as a sailor and model to his iconic roles in Hollywood films.

The book explores Hayden's involvement with the CIA and the FBI, as well as his struggles with alcohol and drug addiction. Lambert paints a vivid

portrait of a man who was both charismatic and self-destructive, a wanderer who never truly found his home.

About the Author

Gavin Lambert (1924-2000) was an English novelist, screenwriter, and playwright. He is best known for his novel "Good-bye, Mr. Chips" (1938) and his screenplay for the film adaptation of the novel (1939). Lambert also wrote the screenplays for "Sons and Lovers" (1960), "The L-Shaped Room" (1962), and "I Never Promised You a Rose Garden" (1977).

Key Themes

- **Hollywood Stardom:** Hayden's rise to fame as a leading man in Hollywood films, including "The Asphalt Jungle" (1950), "The Killing" (1956), and "Dr. Strangelove or: How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb" (1964).
- **CIA and FBI Involvement:** Hayden's involvement with the CIA and the FBI, and the impact it had on his life and career.
- **Substance Abuse:** Hayden's struggles with alcohol and drug addiction, and the toll it took on his health and relationships.
- **Personal Relationships:** Hayden's complex relationships with his family, friends, and lovers, including his marriages to Madeleine Carroll and Betty Ann de Noon.

Critical Reception

Wanderer: Sterling Hayden, a Life in the Shadows of Hollywood, the CIA, and the FBI has received critical acclaim for its insightful and well-researched portrayal of a fascinating and enigmatic figure.

- "A riveting biography of a man who was both larger than life and deeply flawed." - The New York Times
- "A complex and fascinating portrait of a man who lived a life of adventure and intrigue." - The Washington Post
- "A must-read for anyone interested in the history of Hollywood, the CIA, or the FBI." - The Los Angeles Times

Wanderer: Sterling Hayden, a Life in the Shadows of Hollywood, the CIA, and the FBI is a compelling and insightful biography of a complex and enigmatic figure. Gavin Lambert's meticulous research and engaging writing style bring to life the story of a man who lived a life of adventure, intrigue, and self-destruction.

The book is a valuable contribution to the history of Hollywood and the Cold War, and it offers a fascinating glimpse into the life of a man who was both a star and a wanderer.



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