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American Legends: The Life of Gloria Swanson (Paperback)

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Createspace, United States, 2015. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. *Includes pictures *Includes Swanson s quotes about her own life and career *Includes online resources and a bibliography for further reading *Includes a table of contents Fame was thrilling only until it became grueling. Money was fun only until you ran out of things to buy. - Gloria Swanson It goes without saying that the most enduring image of Gloria Swanson is the famous shot of her in Sunset Boulevard (1950), head tilted backward, stating, Alright, Mr. DeMille, I m ready for my close up. Indeed, for many, the very mention of Gloria Swanson conjures the name of Norma Desmond, her character in Sunset Boulevard, directed by Billy Wilder. That the shot of Desmond requesting her close-up remains indelibly imprinted in the minds of so many speaks in large part to the power of Sunset Boulevard, one of the most revered films of its times and the most famous film of Gloria Swanson s career. By dint of her performance in the film, Swanson has become almost synonymous with Hollywood s silent era. In many respects, Swanson s...



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