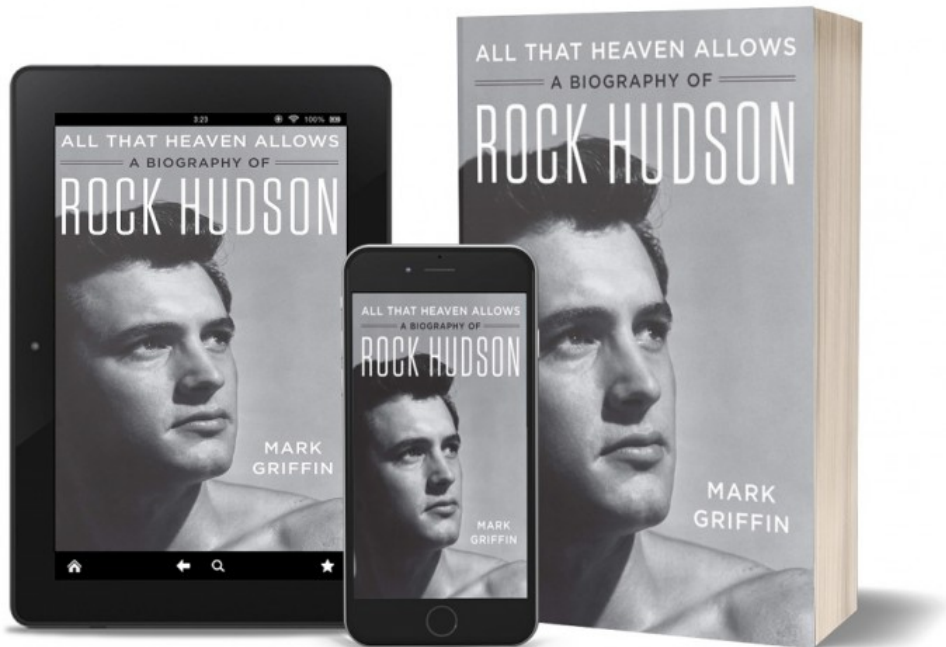


Author Mark Griffin Releases Paperback Version Of His Book - All That Heaven Allows: A Biography of Rock Hudso



New York City, Nov 6, 2019 (Issuewire.com) - Author Mark Griffin Releases Paperback Version Of His Book - All That Heaven Allows: A Biography of Rock Hudson

Author Mark Griffin is pleased to announce the release of the paperback version of his book, All That Heaven Allows: A Biography of Rock Hudson. This is the biography that Rock Hudson and his fans deserve and is soon to be a major motion picture. Meticulously researched and featuring scores of interviews with those who knew the screen legend best.

The definitive biography of the deeply complex and widely misunderstood matinee idol of Hollywood's Golden Age.

The embodiment of romantic masculinity in American film throughout the '50s and 60's, Rock Hudson reigned supreme as the king of Hollywood. As an Oscar-nominated leading man, Hudson won acclaim for his performances in glossy melodramas, adventure epics and blockbuster bedroom farces. Yet behind the suave and commanding star persona, there was an insecure, deeply conflicted and all too vulnerable human being. Growing up poor in Winnetka, Illinois, Hudson was abandoned by his biological father, abused by an alcoholic stepfather and controlled by his domineering mother. Despite seemingly insurmountable obstacles, Hudson was determined to become an actor. After signing with the powerful but predatory agent Henry Willson, the young hopeful was transformed from a clumsy,

tongue-tied truck driver into Universal Studios' resident Adonis. In a more conservative era, Hudson's wholesome, straight-arrow screen image was at odds with his closeted homosexuality. Hudson was forever threatened with public exposure, not only by scandal sheets like "Confidential" magazine but by a number of his own partners. For years, Hudson dodged questions about his private life, but in 1985 the public learned that the actor was battling AIDS. The disclosure focused worldwide attention on the epidemic. Drawing on more than a hundred interviews with co-stars, family members, and former companions, "All That Heaven Allows: A Biography of Rock Hudson" finally delivers a complete and nuanced portrait of one of the most fascinating stars in cinema history.

Praise for All That Heaven Allows: A Biography of Rock Hudson

"Griffin has written a definitive biography, one that effectively toggles between gleeful gossip-dishing (as befits Hudson's era of film-world glitz) and genuine affection and admiration for the man behind the screen presence." (Boston Globe)

"Like Rock Hudson's life — marked by glory as a Hollywood star and pinup but also the lifelong shame of the closet and his AIDS-related death — his afterlife was blessed and cursed in equal measure. Mark Griffin sets the balance right in a full, empathetic biography, sparing few details about the complicated life of a man who was born (and died) too soon." (Vulture)

"Exhaustive and empathetic.... Griffin fills in what's left to say [about Hudson's life] in between the lines with an impressive list of interviews with movie star friends, acquaintances and co-stars and also digs deep into private journals and correspondence." (USA Today)

"Mark Griffin's perceptive and sympathetic biography All That Heaven Allows gives Hudson, both the movie star and the man, the kind of reassessment only time can allow." (Associated Press)

"All That Heaven Allows is a rich and complex story of Hollywood's biggest star in its most golden age." (New York Journal of Books)

"The hardest role Rock Hudson ever played was Rock Hudson. And he played it brilliantly. . . . Mark Griffin's All that Heaven Allows goes behind the scripted characters to tell the real story." (New York Daily News)

"This juicy biography explores Hudson's rise to Hollywood fame, the extraordinary efforts to keep his sexuality a secret and the bombshell news of his AIDS diagnosis in the 1980s." (Newsday)

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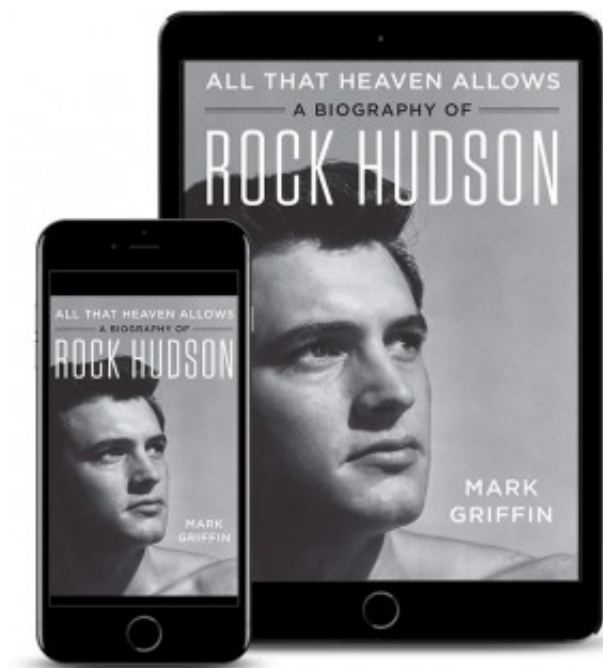
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