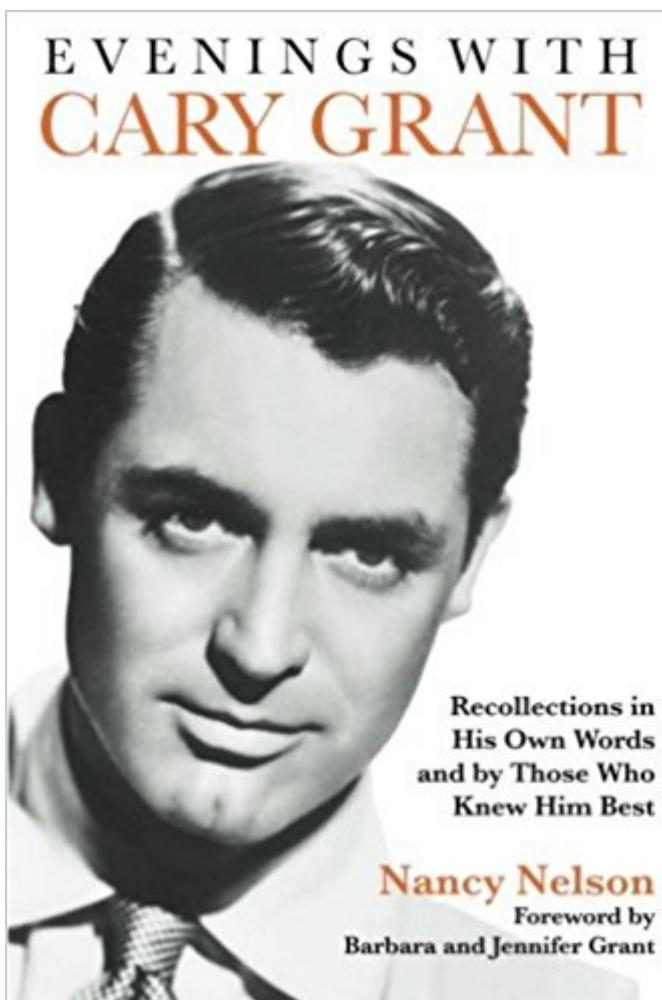


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# Evenings With Cary Grant: Recollections In His Own Words And By Those Who Knew Him Best



## Synopsis

(Applause Books). Charming, witty, effortlessly debonair, and elegant, Cary Grant was the ultimate leading man, a silver screen icon who seemed to embody all that a movie star should be. But beneath the glamour was a real and complicated man surprisingly vulnerable, unabashedly romantic, often exacting perfectionist who rose above a traumatic childhood and failed marriages to become an incomparable Hollywood legend. In this sublimely truthful and candid portrait, biographer Nancy Nelson draws on interviews with Grant, as well as material from his personal papers, along with loving, revelatory reminiscences from some of his closest friends and loved ones including Katharine Hepburn, Gregory Peck, Audrey Hepburn, Elizabeth Taylor, Sophia Loren, Quincy Jones, James Stewart, and many more to reveal the vaudevillian, actor, lover, and father. With a treasury of both well-loved and rarely seen photographs and a foreword by Grant's wife, Barbara, and daughter, Jennifer, this is the definitive biography of one of the screen's greatest stars.

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article.â • â "Variety â œI adored Cary Grantâ "and I couldnâ ™t put this wonderful book down. I read it in one sitting!â • â "Carol Burnett â œThe first book about the real Caryâ "lively, warm, always entertaining, totally honestâ "like the man himself. â "Gregory Peck â œItâ ™s a funny, lovely book about Cary.â • â "Katharine Hepburn â œA charmer of a book. Youâ ™ll love spending Evenings with Cary Grant.â • â "Sidney Sheldon â œThis wonderful book gives behind-the-scenes examples of an actor who was dedicated to the art of motion pictures and to the profession of acting.â • â "James Stewart â œNancy Nelson has definitely captured the essence of CG in her wonderful book.â • â "Robert Wagner â œThis delightful book gives everyone a chance to spend some time with that delightful personâ "Cary Grant.â • â "Helen Hayes â œIt embraces the Cary Grant I knew and loved.â • â "Burt Reynolds â œA truly wonderful book about a truly wonderful man.â • â "Liza Minnelli â œAs one of the worldâ ™s great raconteurs, Cary Grant knew how to spin a yarn, tell a naughty joke, or shape a thoughtful observation. Thank God readers everywhere can now enjoy the company of this remarkable man.â • â "Jack Haley, Jr. â œIn this book you will discover the real Cary Grant, and you will love him even more.â • â "John Forsythe â œAn absolute treasure . . . the only authentic history of his life and loves . . . Reading this book will leave you with the feeling that you have just embraced the warm and wonderful Cary Grant. He was much more than a movie star. He was a magnificent man.â • â "Abigail (Dear Abby) Van Buren â œA celebration of a life well lived. Thank goodness there is a Nancy Nelson to tell the world about this beautiful human being we knew and loved.â • â "Jill St. JohnA kind and gentle . . . shows the private man who doted on his daughter, lamented his failed marriages and could be as contemplative as he was comic.â • --Baltimore SunThe biography Cary Grant deserves . . . This is the standout Grant biography that should remain as his testament in print. --The Philadelphia Inquirer

I was disappointed that this book totally ignored Dyan Cannon. She was the mother of his only child and deserved better than a casual mention. Little tedious with the same people weighing in with nothing new to say. Book was good but Dyan Cannon's was better. Cary Grant was not a saint but this author thought so. Dyan showed his warts too.

I bought this for my Mom. She has been reading it ever since! It is very informative and written well. If you want to know something about Cary Grant, this is the book. It is not an exposé' with all the dirt you can find in Hollywood. It does tell a lot of his intimate life details and his likes and dislikes. My only regret with purchasing this book from this particular seller is that the book smelled musty.

This book is not a true biography, but it is full of wonderful anecdotes from his many friends and "in his own words" stories by Cary himself. Cary Grant is one of my all-time favorite actors and this book confirms that he was as funny, smart, suave and debonair in real life as he was in his films. It was such a delight to read about his many friendships over the years and how so many (famous and not so famous) people adored him and became lifelong friends. There were many laugh-out-loud moments - he had a quick and saucy wit. I learned a little more about his early life and a bit more about his marriages (although they were glossed over very quickly). But in the end, this book satisfied on so many levels. A great read.

For those of you who liked Cary Grant movies, I found this a most interesting book about the movie star who rose up from tumultuous roots to become one of the most famous movie stars of all time. He was a humble man because of his origins and a very deep thinker. Unlike so many people who attain fame, he was kind to people of all walks of life, took the time to find out what made them tick and in many cases, offered his counsel and other gifts to help them succeed in life. He never forgot where he came from.

This book just makes me want to spend more evenings with him. It is a little light on the filmography side of Grant and leaves you wanting to hear more anecdotes from his movies. But it more than makes up for that in all the fun personal anecdotes by Grant and all his friends. I have loved Cary Grant ALL my life and this book did not tarnish him in any way. Very entertaining book!

I have read several books about Cary Grant including the one by his daughter, and Dyan Cannon and Elliott. This book is by far the best ever! It is heart felt, intimately written by those that knew him, with a forward by Barbara and Jennifer Grant.

This is one of the best books I have read recently. I learned so much more about Cary Grant than I had expected. He delivered stellar performances over four decades. This book explores the ways in which he grew as an actor and as a human being. It left me with a joyous feeling about the star and the author who organized "Evenings with Cary Grant" into a splendid portrait of the man. She used his answers to audience questions to craft a riveting portrait of Archie Leach. Cary found happiness after one of the greatest careers on the silver screen and much soul searching to find his inner self. While he crafted an enduring screen persona, he knew how to stretch it to fit the wide range of roles he undertook. The apparent ease of his performances came from his close attention to the details

and demands of his roles, and to the care he took with his colleagues. This book will make you want to re-watch his many fine films! It left a big smile on my soul! My favorite films that illustrate Grant's broad acting abilities are *Suspicion*, *Notorious*, *Monkey Business*, *North by Northwest* and *Charade*.

If you're looking for a biography that digs for dirt this is not it. I suppose if I wanted to criticise this book I could say it gushes a little about Cary Grant but who really could avoid that? Wonderful stories from dozens of credible sources who are directly quoted in their very personal recollections of conversations and anecdotes about this man. Everyone from great actors such as Gregory Peck to great directors like Hitchcock (and all the wives in between) absolutely loved CG. There's a million examples of his style, his generosity and thoughtfulness, it goes on and on. I thoroughly enjoyed every word.

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