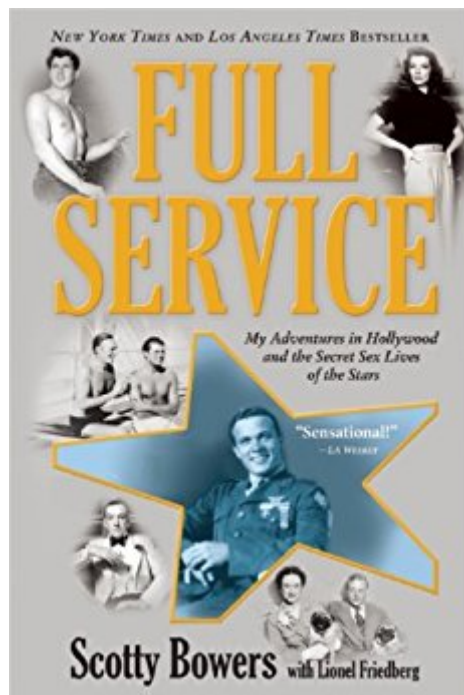




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Full Service: My Adventures In Hollywood And The Secret Sex Live Of The Stars



Synopsis

Newly discharged from the Marines after World War II, Scotty Bowers arrived in Hollywood in 1946. Young, charismatic, and strikingly handsome, he quickly caught the eye of many of the town's stars and starlets. He began sleeping with some himself, and connecting others with his coterie of young, attractive, and sexually free-spirited friends. His own lovers included Edith Piaf, Spencer Tracy, Vivien Leigh, Cary Grant, and the abdicated King of England Edward VIII, and he arranged tricks or otherwise crossed paths with Tennessee Williams, Charles Laughton, Vincent Price, Katharine Hepburn, Rita Hayworth, Errol Flynn, Gloria Swanson, Noël Coward, Mae West, James Dean, Rock Hudson and J. Edgar Hoover, to name but a few. Full Service is not only a fascinating chronicle of Hollywood's sexual underground, but also exposes the hypocrisy of the major studios, who used actors to propagate a myth of a conformist, sexually innocent America knowing full well that their stars' personal lives differed dramatically from this family-friendly mold. As revelation-filled as Hollywood Babylon, Full Service provides a lost chapter in the history of the sexual revolution and is a testament to a man who provided sex, support, and affection to countless people.

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Customer Reviews

I have known Scotty Bowers for the better part of a century. I'm so pleased that he has finally decided to tell his story to the world. His startling memoir includes great figures like Spencer Tracy and Katherine Hepburn. Scotty doesn't lie; the stars sometimes do; and he knows everybody. Gore Vidal; Mr. Bowers, 88, recalls his highly unorthodox

life in a ribald memoir . . . [A] lurid, no-detail-too-excruciating account of a sexual Zelig who (if you believe him) trawled an X-rated underworld for over three decades without getting caught. . . . [A] lot of what Mr. Bowers has to say is pretty shocking. . . . Full Service at the very least highlights how sharply the rules of engagement for reporting celebrity gossip have changed. . . . [I]t's much harder to keep details as salacious as the ones Mr. Bowers outlines under wraps.

—Brooks Barnes, New York Times

A jaw-dropping firsthand account of closeted life in Hollywood during the '40s and '50s. The wholesome image of the postwar American family was acted, written, directed, and designed by people for whom such a life was never possible and Bowers writes about their pain and brilliance with the childlike wonder of Chauncey Gardiner. Turner Classic Movies will never quite look the same.

—Griffin Dunne, Actor/Director

[Scotty Bowers] made his reputation by sleeping with everyone in Hollywood who wasn't actually Lassie, and now he tells all. If you ever suspected that Spencer Tracy was bisexual and Tyrone Power a coprophiliac, and if you happen to believe everything you read, here is all the testimony you require.

—Anthony Lane, The New Yorker

[Q]uel scandale!

—Vanity Fair

This handsome ex-Marine and his friendly gas station have long been alluded to in Hollywood memoirs. And now, at last, they go public.

—Janet Maslin, The New York Times

The book is like a 286-page gossip column from Hollywood's golden age; it names all the names and spills all the secrets. Bowers was a . . . free-love advocate far ahead of his time who claimed Cary Grant, Spencer Tracy, Edith Piaf and the Duke of Windsor (to mention just a few) as lovers.

—W Magazine, February

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[A] tell-all book . . . Cary Grant, Rock Hudson, George Cukor, Katharine Hepburn and Vivien Leigh are among those named by Bowers, now 88. . . . Younger readers; at least those raised in the Internet and TMZ age; may find nearly as shocking the fact that the stories were squelched by studio publicists and remained largely under wraps back in the day.

—Chicago Tribune

Connoisseurs of lurid tell-alls and the golden age of Hollywood will almost certainly be entranced by Full Service.

—The Atlantic Wire

The Scotty I knew was a guy who always seemed to be enjoying his life working morning, noon and night, with never a gripe; always with a smile to greet you, and never with an axe to grind. After a lifetime in Hollywood, that's a remarkable feat and its own kind of Zen.

—David Patrick Columbia, New York Social Diary

"They said he'd never talk; but at long last, the legendary Scotty Bowers has told his story, with all the honesty, compassion and insight that made him a confidant of movie stars, directors, billionaires, and politicians. Bowers knew Hollywood like no one else, invited

behind closed doors to observe firsthand the true stories of America's dream factory. This is juicy, juicy stuff; but just as importantly, it's a seminal chapter of American popular culture that gives us a richer understanding of the people, times, and culture of Hollywood's Golden Age." William J. Mann, author of *Kate: The Woman Who Was Hepburn* "A picaresque romp that unabashedly uncovers long-hidden sexual scandals during Hollywood's golden years." John Rechy, author of *City of Night*; "Delicious with every salacious detail . . . The photographs alone are worth the price of admission." Huffington Post; "Controversial . . . vivid . . . As well as a titillating catalogue of sexual intrigue, the book is designed to expose of the hypocrisy and fear that swirled beneath the industry's on-screen glamour and crafted wholesomeness. . . . [Bowers] dramatically describes the climate of fear in an era when he worked as a bartender at Hollywood parties while the LAPD vice squad were prowling the hills in their patrol cars looking for parties and opportunities to arrest the participants." The Guardian (UK); "After five years maintaining that sex secrets of Tinseltown's elite, at the age of 88, Bowers is revealing all in a sensational new memoir." The Daily Express (UK); "Full Service opens the doors of the closeted, X-rated underworld of old Hollywood through three decades." The Daily Mail (UK); "[Bowers] became the Mr. Fixit for screen icons who sought out the more lurid trappings of Tinseltown during its glory days. Wild affairs, gay romps and rampant prostitution were the order of the day and Bowers was the man they turned to for their salacious entertainment." The Daily Mirror (UK); "Scotty Bowers; once a beacon of discretion; finally unveils the carnal peccadillos of many of the studio era's biggest players. . . . For impromptu beach house read-a-loud moments . . . this book is a must." Lambda Literary; "[If] you're one of those people who still owns a vintage princess phone, watches *Mad Men* obsessively, and yearns to go back to a simpler time when men and women exchanged witty banter in mid-Atlantic accents instead of jumping into the sack, read Bowers' book." Nerve.com; "[Full Service] is about to blow the door off of the Hollywood Closet. . . . Escandalol!" Seattle Gay Scene; "None of us are ready for what appears to be the kickass Old Hollywood memoir of 2012: Scotty Bowers' Full Service." AfterElton.com --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Scotty Bowers, now 88, still works as a bartender at private functions in Hollywood. Lionel Friedberg is an Emmy-winning producer, director and professional writer.

Revealing and shocking, regarding Spencer Tracy, Cary Grant, Walter Pidgeon, Tyrone Power, Katharine Hepburn. I will never be able to watch the old movies again without thinking of the disparity between image and reality. Most of these stars had to hide their sexual identity during this repressive time period. Their careers would have been ruined. I don't think less of them for their closeted lives. But it was a revelation. Better to know the truth. Gore Vidal vouches for Bowers. The book seemed credible.

Alternate title: Diary of a Degenerate I am only reviewing on the first 1/3 to 1/2 of the book; I didn't finish it. I threw it in the trash and then had this feeling that I wanted to take a long, hot shower to scrub myself off - that's how disgusting it is. The book starts out with the author gleefully recounting how, as a child, he was molested by male neighbours and priests! He says he sees nothing wrong with it and was glad that he could bring pleasure to the men! Right then and there, I should have tossed this trash. I didn't - I hoped that it might get better. I was wrong. He then goes on to talk about how promiscuous everyone in Hollywood was: celebrity, non-celebrity, everyone. Everyone he talks about was his 'good friend' or 'buddy' that he 'helped out'. I have no doubt that he exaggerated heavily. Let me surmise what the book really says: Hollywood is filled with a bunch of immoral, promiscuous sleazebags who will have sex with anyone. They're all mentally ill and lack character. Really, that's about it. Don't waste your money on this filth. It's cheap, tawdry, slimy and will wreck any positive opinions that you might have of the movie/TV industry. I actually stopped watching Turner Classic Movies because of this trash.

It's a good book, that's it, though is more like just gossip, I'd love to read more about the feelings of this guy, there are so many questions you would like to ask him but since he relies in happenings, you'll never get that, also there's no like probe of all those happenings, no pictures of Scottie with any of the people he is mentioning, so you don't know if it is more like a recap of many tales enclosed as one...

All old Hollywood movie buffs... This is a must read. Could not put this book down for two days. Loved it. Hope there will be a follow up book.

Once I started to read this book I could not put it down until I reached the end of each chapter. Frequently I kept reading multiple chapters before I put the book down to do something else. I

wouldn't be surprised if this book ends up at Ripley's Believe it or Not! Some readers may not believe some of the stories in this book. Perhaps I want to believe all these wonderful stories -- because I do believe them! The only negative thing I can say about this book is that in a couple of instances Scotty does not explain away what we have come to believe as the truth. For example, Hepburn and Tracy. I could swear that Spencer Tracy was supposed to have dropped dead in Hepburn's kitchen.

I bought this book and then by chance I had the honor of meeting the author on a few occasions and when I say honor I mean that as he is charming and down to earth and even humble and yes he had many connections into what we would consider the most private area of peoples lives. I thought it was a great look into that private area and of some lives of the stars and to read about some of those stars that I grew up with watching on television and in the movies was interesting. Some exploits came as a surprise but then you know really that makes sense and you know its true and the way Scotty writes is so matter of fact straight forward and it feels like I'm sitting across from him and sharing a cup of coffee with him as hes sharing some of his life with you. You just know that life was not all that easy for him but he has such a positive outlook on life and his gentle and fun personality and charisma is what comes across he really is a kind and good man and has an Amazing smile! I happen to know that having talked with him and his wife Lois as she truly is the light of his life and "vice versa" . Scotty does not dwell and live in the sad parts of his life. He has a positive take on life. I enjoyed reading the book and finding out more of what made these stars click so to speak and even the way Scotty exposed some of the lies Hollywood tried to cover. The truths in the book ring true, as Scotty has not hidden the truth I think it if anything there's more he has yet that he could cover. Thank you Scotty for sharing a part of your life with us. Happy 90th Birthday coming up here in just a couple of days July 2013! Hes so young of spirit and young at heart and he still tends bar on occasion and still goes to the club with his lovely wife and she sings beautifully! They are loved by the many friends they have and I mean that in a non sexual way. What I might not know I hope Scotty could write another book on!

Many other reviewers thought this book was too incredible to be true, considering the kind of lusty life Scotty Bowers had, especially in his heyday, when he was in his 20's and 30's. I tend to think that, for the most part, his stories are true, even though the private lives of our best known actors and actresses were really very different than the way they were portrayed by the Hollywood studios. It is not plainly stated, but one reason why Scotty was so popular was because of the

generous size of his penis, something he alludes to, but does not dwell on it. God bless him! He can be considered the poor man's Hugh Hefner!

fascinating and tells it like it was! well written

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