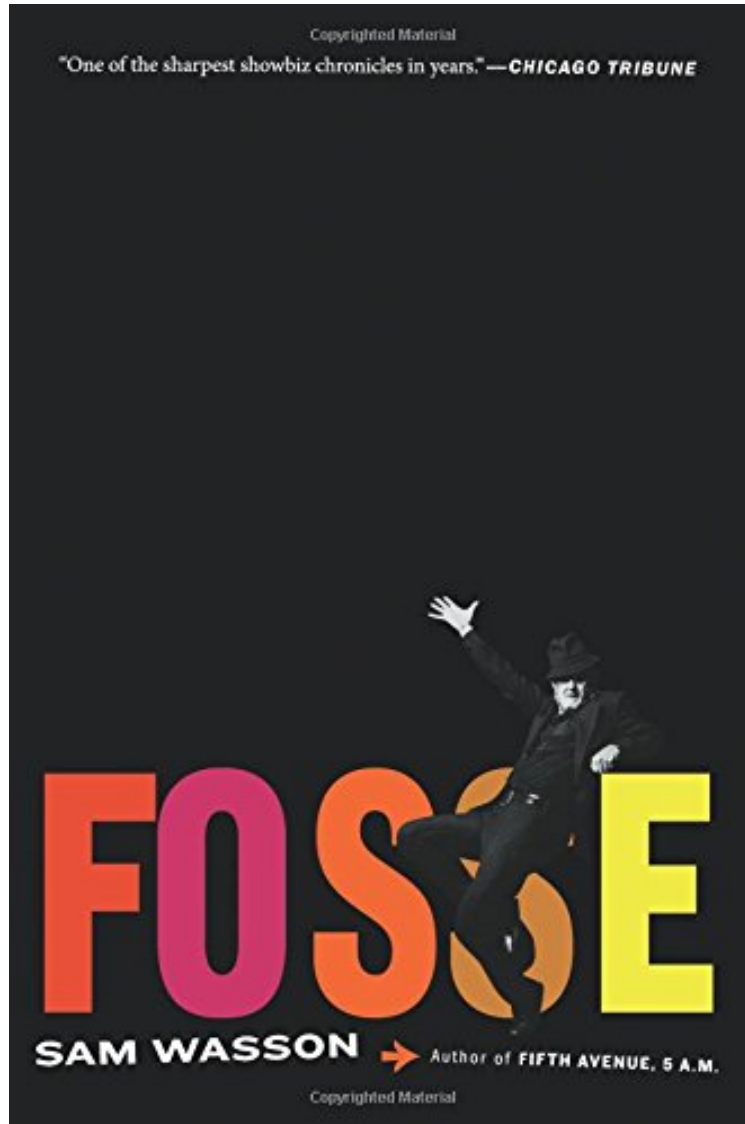


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Sam Wasson : Fosse before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Fosse:

5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Fantastic Insight Into What Made Fosse Who He WasBy Dirk DrudglerA wonderfully researched and compelling biography of an incredibly complex showman. Bob Fosse revolutionized modern musical theater and was the perfect example of the bright light who burned too hot.This biography effectively goes into Fosse's head and fully reveals why he was such a perfectionist, control freak and self destructive madman. His friendship with Paddy Chayefsky was absolutely fascinating as was his relationships with all

the NY showbiz Illuminati, some who were friends and many who were competitors. The author does an excellent job centering the story around Fosse's death with each chapter counting down the years toward his final embrace with Angelique, his angel of death. A bonus is great insight into the lives of the main women in his life (other than his mother) Gwen Verdon, Anne Reinking and of course, the intensely influential burlesque strippers of his showbiz youth. Great, highly readable biography. Highly recommended 9 of 9 people found the following review helpful. Brilliant literary pas de deux By Kindle Customer This is possibly the best book about American Musical Theater I have ever read. Sam Wasson manages to pull off a literary pas de deux writing exactly like Bob Fosse danced and choreographed. Reading this book is like watching a Fosse show. Wasson slides, glides and shuffles through this story of a tortured and talented man. From the curious detachment of his parents while he endured sexual abuse as a young man to the utter disregard for his various health issues Fosse changed American musical Theater and danced it into the 20th century. Somehow he partnered with his demons to create brilliant theater. His relationship with Gwen Verdon is the stuff of theatrical legend. She was his lover, wife, muse and friend who understood him in spite of him. In addition to finding Fosse's life fascinating, I was awed by Sam Wasson's writing. His sentence crafting employs the same genius and quirky energy that Bob Fosse's dances did. Somehow he manages to tell the story, warts and all, without resorting to tawdry tales that usually inform these biographies. And Bob Fosse definitely had some tawdry! If you love and miss the Golden age of American Musical theater read this book .3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. AMPHETAMINES, CIGARETTES, COFFEE : Bob Fosse's Three Basic Food Groups By ByrdMan A Great read about a seminal figure in the popular culture of the 20th Century --- a brilliant but completely neurotic ego-maniac with no impulse control. But what a brilliant dancer, choreographer, director, film-maker bon-vivant whose personal demons were responsible for his early death. It helped me understand my own personal obsessions as a visual artist, and the book's melancholy tale of the theatre world stays with me even now. Alas, he considered himself a complete fraud and an artistic failure, even when he became a legend of Theatre, Dance Film.

Wasson is a smart and savvy reporter, and his book abounds with colorful firsthand tales. Janet Maslin, New York Times Fascinating . . . Wasson has taken complete control of his subject. Wall Street Journal The only person ever to win Oscar, Emmy, and Tony awards in the same year, Bob Fosse revolutionized nearly every facet of American entertainment. His signature style would influence generations of performing artists. Yet in spite of Fosse's innumerable including Cabaret, Pippin, All That Jazz, and Chicago, one of the longest-running Broadway musicals ever his offstage life was shadowed by deep wounds and insatiable appetites. To craft this richly detailed account, best-selling author Sam Wasson has drawn on a wealth of unpublished material and hundreds of sources: friends, enemies, lovers, and collaborators, many of them speaking publicly about Fosse for the first time. With propulsive energy and stylish prose, Fosse is the definitive biography of one of Broadway and Hollywood's most complex and dynamic icons. Spellbinding. Entertainment Weekly Impeccably researched. Vanity Fair An NPR Best Book of the Year