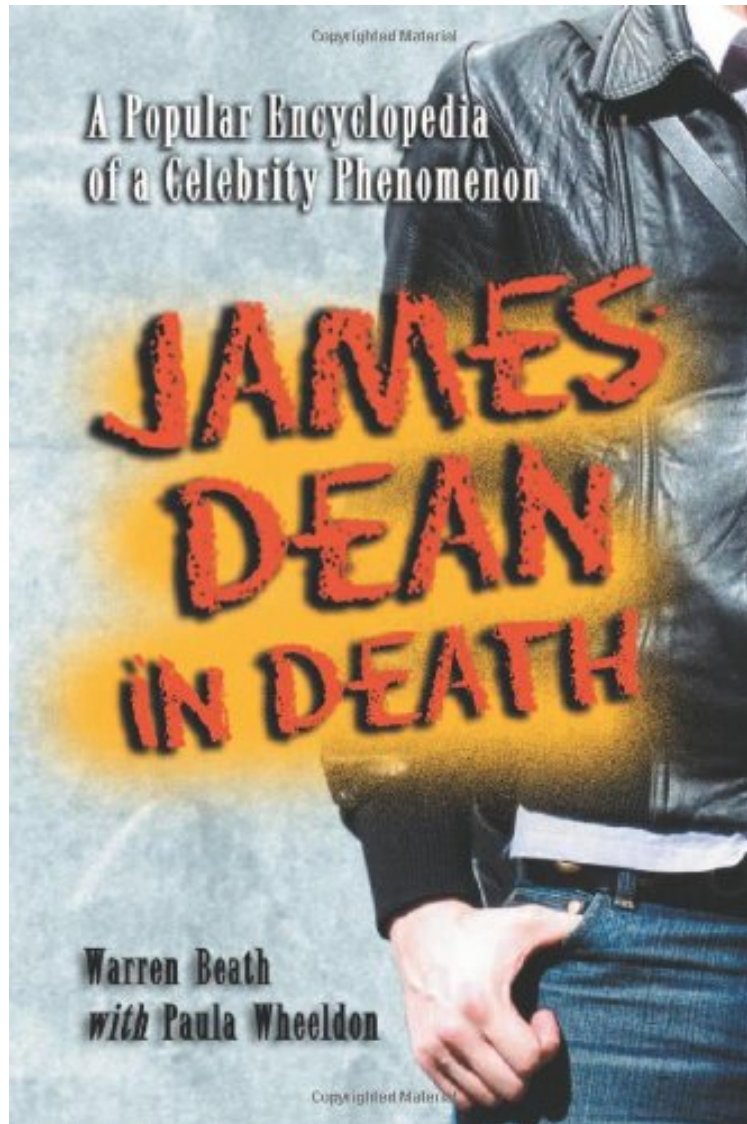


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Bravo! Bravo!By Miss HaterWarren Beath has really outdone himself with this book.The research that he and his co-writer conducted was through and impeccable.Its no wonder

that he became and remains one of the most well known Dean authorities. They at least touched on most of the subjects that people wonder about or would like to know about Jimmy. I consider myself to be fairly well read about Jimmy but I learned many things I did not know by reading this book. I always enjoy reading a Beath book because he has a real love for his subject Jimmy and I believe that shows. I'm also thankful that many of the ghost sightings and occultic happenings and lore regarding James have finally been compiled in a book that is likely to reach a large audience. I know that many Dean fans and others will likely shake their heads and scoff when they read those parts, but for a true believer like myself in such things who has been researching details of sightings of Jimmy and people's contact with him for months, it was very welcome and important. I also applaud the Authors of this book for writing about so many of the lingering mysteries about Jimmy and the crash that Dean fans have been pondering for the better part of 50 years. Most of all though, I love this book because I walked away from it feeling keenly once again the incredible sense of grief and loss about Jimmy's tragic death that I think all fans feel even 50 years on about this rare man whose life was far too short. Any JD book that can make me feel that is a great book. I do have one objection however. In Pier Angeli's entry, it says that her career was minor, especially compared to her sister's. I disagree. Pier might not have won an Oscar like her Sister -Marisa Pavan, but she was a talented, gifted actress who left behind fine, sensitive performances in a variety of films. Even today Pier remains sadly underrated and does not get the recognition for her film work that she deserves. 5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Third time is the charm By Mari Ann O'Malley Warren Beath has done it again! He's shown that his love for James Dean can cause an author--again-- to produce a wonderful "go to" product for readers fellow devotees of Dean. Mr. Beath, who has already authored other books on Dean, delves more deeply than ever, in this, his 3rd effort. Considered by many to be the expert on the day of James's death, he's brought more to the plate than in his first book on Dean, which was my source as a new fan. You'll find new pieces of interest here and rare photos of Jimmy Dean. Not a flashy book, this is more of a action packed writing, full of data on the "Rebel". You're paying for information here you'll get it. Save your pennies. Mr. Beath teaches very well. Unlike some of the books out this Anniversary year that are visually good, this book contains a wealth of information, though more simple in format, it makes up for it all in content. It's clearly his best effort. Compact lean, it's a well of information that Dean lovers, old new alike, can draw much satisfaction from. The author has given us his best work in this time of greater attention and respect to the life work of the Giant, Dean. Just in time, Mr. Beath! Bravo, Warren! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A must have! By Janis E. Alberts Formated from A to Z. Bunches of info on places and times that touched the life of James Dean. I followed up on many places I didn't know about on Google Maps. Full of facts new to me and I've been a James Dean fan since 1955. I love this book. Great source of information. Its a James Dean encyciopedia! All around great reference book!

James Deans short life and three-film career inspired countless actors and rebellious teenagers, but his untimely death in a 1955 car crash has been an inspiration of a different kind. The ensuing decades have seen a continuing fascination with Deans life, and have also fostered legions of devotees fascinated by his death. With the expected (death site pilgrims, alternative theorists, reports of Deans ghost hitchhiking along that fated highway), there are the odd, the unbelievable and the downright wacky: lingering love affairs with Deans ghost, visions of his disembodied head, and, of course, reports that hes alive and well, raising chickens and drinking rum with buddies in South America. The ongoing, growing fascination, folklore and legend surrounding the life and death of James Dean is testament that the cult of celebrity death is alive and well. This encyclopedia of James Dean related subjects includes entries on such topics as associates, locales, books, and ephemera associated with his life. It focuses intensely on the events and people linked to his fatal crash, and on the body of myth, mystery and folklore surrounding Deans tragic death.

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