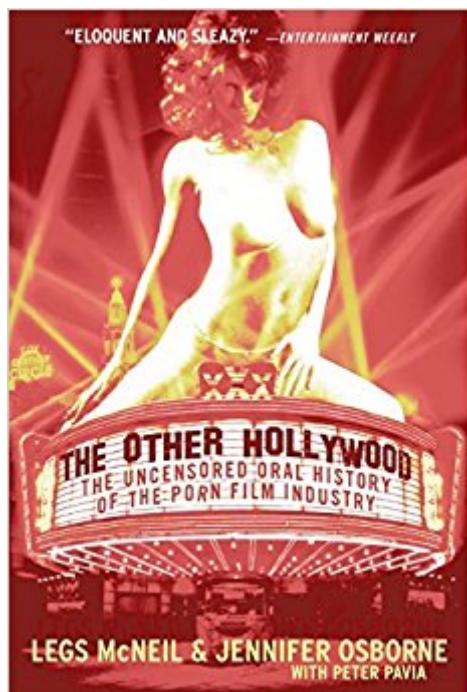


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# The Other Hollywood: The Uncensored Oral History Of The Porn Film Industry



## **Synopsis**

A raucous and revealing oral history of the birth of the adult film industry, *The Other Hollywood* peels back the candy coating to let the true story be told -- by the stars, movie makers, and other industry players who lived it. And what a story it is: Through hundreds of original interviews, contemporary newspaper accounts, police reports, court testimony, and more, Legs McNeil and coauthors Jennifer Osborne and Peter Pavia trace today's billion-dollar industry from its makeshift, mob-connected origins to the Internet age. Along the way we encounter porn stars such as Linda Lovelace, John Holmes, Traci Lords, and Savannah -- along with countless mainstream stars, politicians, FBI agents, and more. Epic, hilarious, and moving, *The Other Hollywood* contributes to the porn industry the one thing missing in all previous accounts: a vivid, tragicomic, irresistible humanity.

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## **Customer Reviews**

From the nudie cuties of the 1950s to celebrity porn in the late 1990s, *The Other Hollywood: The Uncensored Oral History of the Porn Film Industry* offers an insider's view of the adult film industry's transition from a shady, backroom business to a \$10-billion-per-year money machine and mainstream acceptance. The story is told through interviews with hundreds of actors, directors, law enforcement officials, and other participants, all edited together with expert skill and pacing. The industry exploded in the early 1970s with the success of the Mafia-backed *Deep Throat*, which reportedly grossed \$100 million after an initial \$22,000 investment. Featured at the Cannes Film Festival in 1973, the film ushered in the rise of "porno chic," making it fashionable, for a time, to take

a date to a porn film. One industry insider described *Deep Throat* as "the *Blair Witch Project* of its time." Filled with sleazy intrigue, vivid details, and many heartbreakin--and even touching--stories, *The Other Hollywood* covers the actors, the numerous legal challenges to the industry, FBI sting operations, the Mafia connection, rampant drug use, rock stars, celebrities, the opposition by religious and political groups, the emergence of AIDS (that claimed the lives of porn superstars such as the famously endowed John Holmes), and the explosion of the video market and its overnight fortunes. Even at 600 pages, this is a quick and engrossing read that is hard to put down. --Shawn Carkonen --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

**Starred Review.** This compulsively readable book perfectly captures the pop culture zeitgeist. It doesn't hurt that the history of American pornography is inextricably intertwined with all the subjects that captivate us: sex, drugs, beauty, fame, money, the Mafia, law enforcement and violence. McNeil (*Please Kill Me*) focuses on the industry's dark underbelly: suicide (Savannah), fratricide (the Mitchell brothers), Mafia hits (John Gotti whacked Robert DiBernardo, the mob's point man in the porn business) and gangland slayings (John Holmes). But beyond the scintillating subject, it's McNeil's skillful technique that elevates this oral history, coauthored by journalists Osborne and Pavia, above the tedium of a courtroom transcript. Most chapters contain multiple story lines, which McNeil cleverly weaves together by the end. And the book's two most fascinating stories--about the making of *Deep Throat* and the Traci Lords child pornography case--involve unreliable narrators, which gives them a *Rashomon*-like quality. In the case of *Deep Throat*, the movie that catapulted hardcore pornography into the mainstream, its star, Linda Lovelace, claims she was forced to perform in the movie, though everyone else connected to the film contradicts her. As for Lords, her detractors make a compelling argument that far from being the victim she portrays herself to be in her book, she deceived the industry about her age so she could make a fortune and leverage her sob story into a mainstream Hollywood career. Whether recounting high-profile scandals or answering trivia about the origins of porn films and lap dancing, this is a relentlessly gripping read. B&w photos. Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Ridiculously fun as well as informative, this book, though gossipy at times, is essential for truly understand the triumphs and horrors of the porn world.

This is a fun, twisted trip through the sex, drugs, and dirty laundry behind Hollywood's dirty movie industry. Done as an oral history, it is a fast read, at times funny, at times tragic, at times absurd (MIPORN, for example) but never dull. Note on Kindle edition: no pictures?? I still loved it.

This is an oral history of the Porn industry taken from a huge number of sources. In a lot of ways it exposes our hypocrisy about pornography, the "yeah I did but I didn't inhale" sort of thing. Interesting stuff, it traces how the early "Hippie" free love culture evolved into a drug crazed, biker gang and organized crime thing. It touches on some of the high profile disasters, Shauna Grant, Savannah, Traci Lords and John Holmes but virtually ignores how the porno industry evolved into big business with large corporations dominating the industry. There's very little discussion of the shift from New York to California production. There's virtually no mention of the impact of the Internet. Well written and well worth reading though. A sequel picking up in 1985 would be nice.

If you believe Linda Lovelace' "Ordeal" and "Out of bondage" check out the 1976 part of U.S. attorney Larry Parrish who interviewed Linda to get "Deep Throat" out of "business" and all people involved into jail.

I expected this book to be written in true crime book/reporting fashion and was pleased to find a candid, interview style instead. The tales, as told by those who lived them, offer multiple perspectives/considerations rather than a cut and dried "here it is, no room for deviation," set in stone story. It's a long book that's engrossing rather than arduous, most of the text has been dissected ad nauseum in previous reviews so I'll spare a rehashing of details. Lastly, set aside a few quiet hours for reading this book because once you start, you won't wanna stop. Kinda fits with the topic though, you know?

Fascinating and eye opening.

Great book and a real easy read.... Please read it!!!!

History book of sorts of the seedy side of Hollywood. Its an interesting read

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