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John Wayne: The Legend And The Man: An Exclusive Look Inside Duke's Archive



Synopsis

An undisputed American icon, John Wayne is recognized the world over for his signature drawl and confident swagger; the ultimate personification of American courage and honor. This fall, John Wayne Enterprises has chosen powerHouse Books to produce the first-ever exclusively authorized photographic record of his life, both on-screen and off. *John Wayne: The Legend and the Man* celebrates Duke's life and legacy through film stills and backstage photos and snapshots ranging from his cinematic masterpieces—*True Grit*, *Rio Grande*, *Sands of Iwo Jima*, *The Quiet Man*, *The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance*, *Fort Apache*, and *The Alamo*—to a surprising variety of early-career, leading-man films: *The Big Trail*, *Stagecoach*, *Flying Tigers*, *They Were Expendable*. Also included are a wide selection of fan mail art; family albums, photos from friends and loved ones, and the many treasures gathered over the years in his immense archive (famed film costumes, publicity photos exchanged with costars, telegrams and medals), many of the photos and these personal effects being published for the first time, and all from Duke's personal archive. Duke was more than just his on-screen persona—he was known by loved ones for his warmth, charm, charisma, passion, loyalty, and spirit. Through an in-depth exposé of the memorabilia, the private moments, the inner thoughts, and familial memories, *John Wayne: The Legend and the Man* captures both the man and the myth and furthers the legacy of this giant of American cinema. “This wonderful collection of photographs gives us John Wayne the figurehead, John Wayne the actor, and John Wayne the human being. It's a rich experience to look through these pages and see where Wayne's three roles converged and diverged. And in all the photos, you see another, earlier America with different ideas of glamor, beauty, fashion, and behavior, a world that now feels as distant as the renaissance. A movie-made hero—a superstar, one of the very first—an image of manhood—and a great American artist. This book affords us a generous look at John Wayne from every angle.” —Martin Scorsese, from the Introduction “To the people of the world, John Wayne is the United States of America. He is what they believe it to be. He is what they hope it will be. And he is what they hope it will always be.” —Maureen O'Hara “In my acting, I have to identify with something in the character. The big tough boy on the side of right—that's me. Simple themes. Save me from the nuances. All I do is sincerity, and I've been selling the hell out of that ever since I started.” —John Wayne (Time, June 9, 1967)

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Customer Reviews

“This is THE best John Wayne photo book ever! -True West - As with many screen legends from that era, there was an aura about John Wayne that both enhanced and transcended the roles he played. That indefinable quality radiates throughout this remarkable collection of photographs. -Cowboys & Indians

I must have paged through this book over a half a dozen times already and still keep going back to go through it again and again. The family has done their father proud to publish photos from his childhood all through his film career including candid shots with his family, friends and fellow actors/actresses. Photographs from all around the globe this book will be in the hearts and minds of Duke's fans for years to come. Every John Wayne fan should have at least one copy of this book. I bought two just because I knew I would eventually wear the first one out reading through it and showing it to other fans. Well worth the money and then some. Thanks go out to his children for sharing photos from the family archive. Happy Holidays!

The best John Wayne book--EVER! This is a PHOTO book! It contains pics of the Duke that very, very few have ever seen. The reason: they are photos of him in a family setting. They are personal and have just been released by the Wayne estate. They are fabulous! I couldn't put the book down. When it arrived, I started thumbing thru it to get a better idea of what I had just purchased. I couldn't put it down for hours! There are sentiments written by Ronald Reagan, Maureen O'Hara, Martin Scorsese, and others. If you have followed and loved the Duke from his early years when you were

a kid (as I have) thru all his ups & downs, you will luv this book. I am now 75 and I cannot remember any time in my life when the Duke wasn't a part of it until he died. In fact, he is still a part of it because I own ALL of his movies and watch them frequently. I am proud that he played football at my Alma Mater. Going thru this book and viewing all the great photos helped me understand who this man really was.

Seems like a lot of books related to John Wayne out recently, and more to come. In part because of continued fan interest, and I suspect, in part because somebody thinks it's time to release before this icon fades from the collective memory. Regardless of motivation, this is one fine volume and should appeal to anyone who was a fan of the big guy and I must confess to being among that crowd. Great pictures organized on a coherent fashion. A nice visual history of an actor who caught the imagination of several generations of the movie going public. No, there are none out there that can match the power of the Duke. He came along in a time when there were limited avenues of entertainment and he filled one of them, movies, to the brim. Long live the Duke.

Not quite done with the book yet but it is awesome. Of course, since I was a kid, John Wayne has always been my favorite actor and still is today. So far there is only one page in there that was a problem and it is page 115 where Pilar talks about John and it says continued on page 76 and there is no continuation. It doesn't take anything away from the book as far as I'm concerned it's still worth the money I paid for it. Love it.

I gave this to my 3 year old nephew as a birthday gift (he LOVES The Duke!); he and his brothers and sister really enjoy looking at all the pictures and reading the captions. The adults have enjoyed it too! There are a lot of family pictures that give fans a special look into John Wayne's life.

Wonderful book!

Could not put this book down until I read it cover to cover. Candid insight into the life and pastimes of one of our nation's all time heroes, presented by his own family in his loving memory. Well worth the price. A real keeper for your family bookshelf for generations to come.

This was a gift for my father and he was surprised there were photos in it he hadn't seen before....impressive.

It was excellent

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