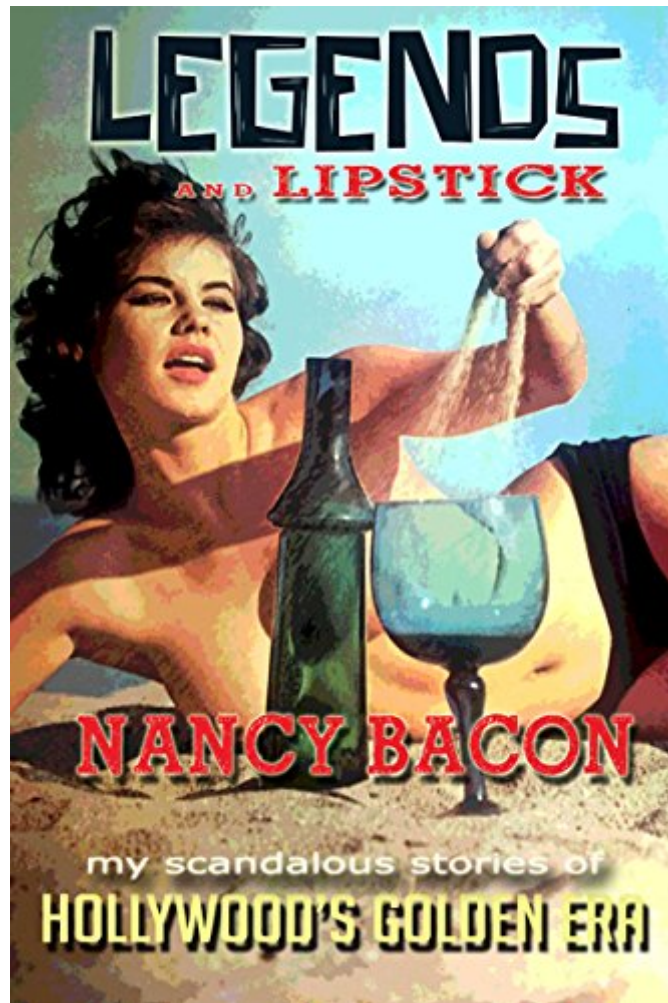




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# Legends And Lipstick: My Scandalous Stories Of Hollywood's Golden Era



## Synopsis

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**HOLLYWOOD LOVE AFFAIRS**For the first time ever, NANCY BACON, famed gossip columnist and editor of Confidential Magazine, is telling her whole story of what it was like to have love affairs with the likes of Paul Newman, Errol Flynn, Tommy Smothers, Rod Taylor, Vince Edwards, and Hugh O'Brian, plus exciting friendships with the Rat Pack, Judy Garland, Bobby Kennedy, Jay Sebring, Elizabeth Taylor, John Wayne, and Marilyn Monroe (to name only a few!).  
**BEVERLY HILLS, ROME, LONDON, PARIS**A young and gorgeous pinup model and starlet before she became a writer, Nancy dove right into the kids of parties found only in the glittering and glamorous playgrounds of Beverly Hills and Hollywood and beyond to Rome, London, and Paris. Legends and Lipstick is an uncensored peep inside vintage showbiz, Jayne Mansfield's horrible descent and death, The Manson Family murders, saucy sex romps, exclusive nightclubs and parties, and detailed, first-hand descriptions of where and how celebs played in the old days.  
**THE TARNISHED SIDE OF TINSEL TOWN**Here is the untold story of Nancy's courageous battles with breast cancer and alcoholism during a time when no one spoke openly about such things. The tarnished side of Tinseltown is the fascinating flipside to a tale that needs to be told. This is Nancy's inside account from her humble beginnings as one of nine children growing up on a farm in Washington State, and what happened after all the fun and games in Hollywood were over and she went through divorce, depression, and a botched radical double-mastectomy and she overcame it all. Her life is one of stunning extremes.  
Dozens of photos  
**WHY LEGENDS AND LIPSTICK IS A MUST-READ**For those who can't get enough of candid, no-holds-barred memoirs like *The Kid Stays in the Picture* (Robert Evans), *You'll Never Eat Lunch in This Town Again* (Julia Phillips), *Shirley Jones: A Memoir*, *Watch Me* (Angelica Houston), and *I'm With the Band* (Pamela Des Barres) and this book is for you. Legends and Lipstick goes hand-in-hand with her daughter Staci Layne Wilson's own tell-all memoir, *So L.A.* Take a look inside both books!  
**PRAISE**"Hollywood has always been a boy's town, but as Nancy Bacon's heartfelt memoir reminds us, the girls were always there, and they were smart and sharp and taking notes. A lucid and eye-opening book." —Shawn Levy, author of *Paul Newman: A Life* "An unapologetic, often steamy memoir. Nancy Bacon shares her love and lust for life in Hollywood; and her successful navigation of that glittering, mine-laden playground. She never saw the punch coming that took her down and dragged her to the brink. How she handled it is a gritty tale of guts and glory. Definite E-ticket." —Laurie Jacobson, *Hollywood Writer & Historian* "Breezy,

juicy, shocking. [Wildly entertaining highlights](#) and [lowlights](#) from her vividly colorful past, with no detail spared! [Cheesecake on the Side](#) “A fresh (and how!) look between the sheets at your favorite Golden Era gods and goddesses. [Los Angeles Readers & Writers](#) “Wild tales, tempered with a sobering look at the dark side of Tinseltown. [Zee Buzz](#)

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## Customer Reviews

This is not a great piece of literature but well written for what it's worth. It could have been proof read better. I found some spelling mistakes which I always find unforgivable in a book that has been published. There is no doubt that Nancy Bacon's story is a page turner from the beginning to the very difficult end. She was incredibly beautiful, lived in a period when beauty was there for the mere taking by the male gender and given sometimes quite freely by women like Nancy. She has no regrets and should not have any. After all she met and slept with all the whos" who in the world of

entertainment and politics and that is not nothing to dismiss. Most people and that includes myself read the book to find out what really happened between her and Paul Newman and indeed something did happen. The question though in my mind is....did she really have to write about it? We all loved and love P.N and does every illusion in life have to be destroyed. So he drank his beer and scotch, so he had an affair (maybe more than one)....Yes, I too was curious but again I say, all of that could have been left unsaid and let the myth of his faithfulness and good qualities continue and be buried with the man. The book happily, did not change my mind about Newman. hE WAS AN EXCITING and unusual man. The last third of her book about her personal life is very sad and a total turnaround from how she began that same life.

I can't lie. I'm a sucker for Hollywood gossip. I may not kiss and tell, but I love to peek into the secret, sordid lives of other people and this book delivers in spades. Legends and Lipstick is sexy, salacious and uncovers secrets about some of our favorite Hollywood stars, but written with style, humor and panache, the book never feels exploitive. Definite recommend. Read this book yesterday. You'll feel naughty for doing it. But in the best way possible. ;)

who should be proud of herself for still standing, let alone for scribing one of the most fascinating "tell all" tomes ever written. Without rancor or judgement, the Author intimately tells of us of her years of being "up close and personal" with some of the true Stars of "Hollywood's Golden Era", sharing details and quotes thru out that alternately shock and charm, but that bring you as reader into the excitement of each moment. The book is her life story, told with unflinching courage and warmth and as a Reader, I am better for having read it. I came away wondering why no one challenged her teen presence for so many years in such obviously "adult" situations. But then, maybe it was her innocence that saved her. Bacon is a good Writer and a great story-teller and like I've said, one "who lived to tell the tale."

I felt sorry for Ms. Bacon in a way. She had a great and somewhat rapid rise in LaLa Land, but unfortunately spiraled down with drugs, sex and alcohol as do a lot of people confronted with and surrounded by others in the same situation. I am glad however, that she overcame her addictions and is able to enjoy the remaining year of her life sober and functioning.

This was a great book, I remembered all the characters from growing up. The book brought them all to life. Very well written. I have a feeling I will read this book over and over.

Just read " Legends and Lipstick " and I was stunned by it's candidness. I enjoyed the way the authors style of writing fit the time line and loved the "inside tales." It is a VERY BRAVE book. From her beginnings & on to L.A. , her loves, and her journey , not only to Europe but to writing, and then to the very intimate telling of her fight with breast cancer & alcoholism. WHAT A BOOK!!Gwen Michaels, writer, film producer.

This book was interesting and sad.

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