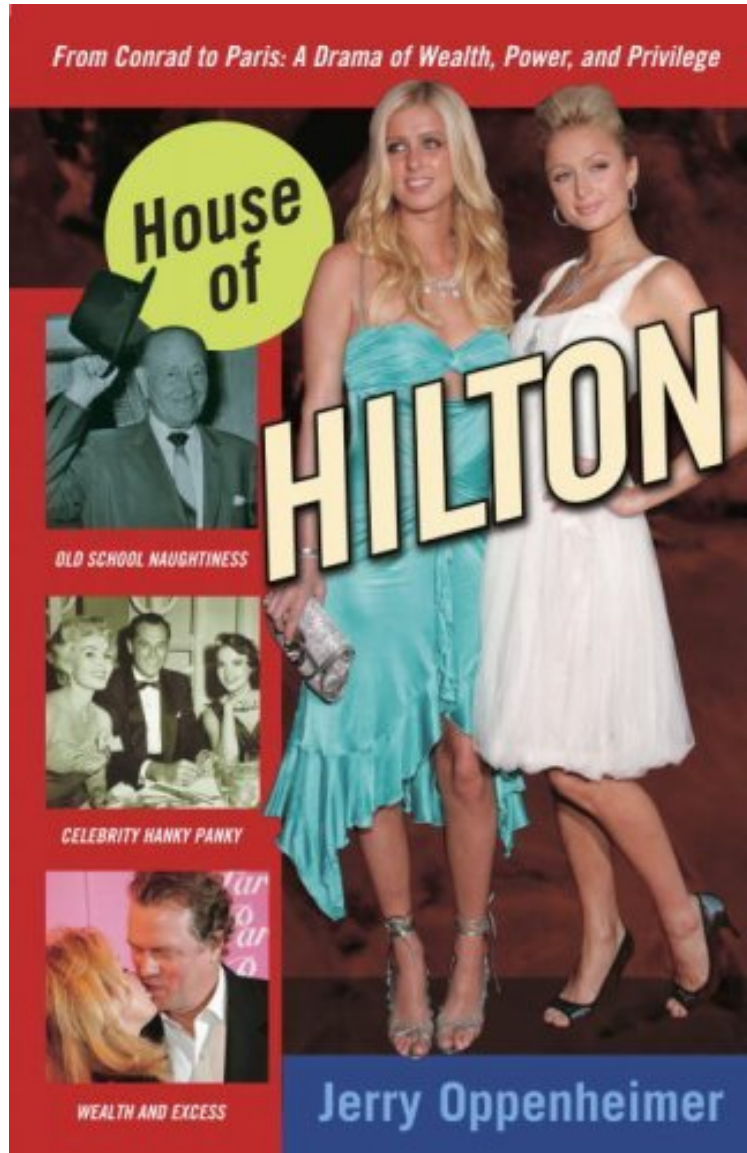


House of Hilton

Jerry Oppenheimer

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Jerry Oppenheimer : House of Hilton before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised House of Hilton:

9 of 9 people found the following review helpful. Big Kathy was Rev. Jim Jones Without The Kool Aid!By SylviastelParis Hilton's rocket rise to fame in the early 2000s was no surprise. The author has done quite a job in detailing her parental background history including the vicious maternal side. The non-fiction account may be about Paris Hilton but the book details her background and if you're a fan of the Real Housewives of Beverly Hills, you will better understand Kathy and Kyle Richards, her maternal aunts and regulars on the reality series.The author Jerry

Oppenheimer describes their hellish existence under Big Kathy's dictatorship. There is even a line that Big Kathy was Jim Jones without the Kool Aid. Sadly, I wished child services were called to remove all three of her daughters from her care. Big Kathy was the stage mother from hell and that's an understatement. Big Kathy, Paris' maternal grandmother, was determined to marry her daughters off to wealthy men with connections. She insisted on getting them pregnant so the husbands would have to marry them. Big Kathy sounds like a monster in heels and she was according to this book. Even now, Kathy, Kim, and Kyle have issues to this day. Big Kathy pushed her daughters into the brutal entertainment industry. When little Kathy couldn't become a star, she pushed her into marriage with Rick Hilton, the heir of the hotel empire. You can't entirely blame Paris for her behavior and actions. Her parents, Rick and Kathy, were no role models for her and her siblings. I feel bad now that her sister Nicky married into the wealthy Rothschild family and there was a big fight about Kyle's husband, Mauricio Umansky not invited to the wedding. Mauricio went into high end real estate agency of his own four years ago and has become a success outperforming his former brother-in-law Rick Hilton. You have no idea about Big Kathy's feelings or views of Mauricio, Kyle's second husband, from this book. The maternal side is more seedier and troubling than the paternal side of the family. While Uncle Nicky Hilton was a Hollywood playboy, he had died prematurely from alcohol and a drug addiction. Sure, the book paints both sides under a poor light. I wouldn't compare Jolie Gabor (Mother of Zsa Zsa, Eva, and Magda) to Big Kathy. Jolie came from a world where women married men in order to survive in their world. She was a far less evil version of Big Kathy. She only had one granddaughter, Constance Francesca Hilton, who sadly died at 67 years old. Her half brother Barron Hilton paid for her cremation and burial at Westwood Memorial Park near her beloved Aunt Eva Gabor. Sadly, Zsa Zsa is almost 99 years old and probably unaware of her own daughter's death from a stroke. I wished the author would write a sequel and I would buy it. I was never a Paris Hilton fan but a Real Housewives of Beverly Hills viewer. I now understand Kyle and Kim Richards better from their background. According to them, Big Kathy was a beloved mother but she is anything but according to this book. Big Kathy only cared about herself and pushing her daughters to marry wealthy and produce children. The three daughters have twelve children including Paris Hilton. Big Kathy didn't live long enough to see her outdone by Kris Kardashian Jenner. If you ever wanted to know about Kyle and Kim Richards, this book is a peak into their disturbing dysfunctional history and background. Perhaps their own children would turn out better. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. an excellent piece of work By Jenny Perleoni Could have included more on Kyle Umansky family dynamics...or maybe there was not enough splayed out drama to be had. Kyle's first marriage should definitely have been covered. The other two sisters are roasted on the pit, yet this sister goes unscathed. On the Paternal Roots side, an excellent piece of work. Though, as the author stated, the greater task was researching the formerly unchronicled Maternal Roots. On that note, the author accomplished his task in spades. Highly readable for those of us in the guilty pleasure/ tabloid go-to crowd. 7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. Buyer beware! No images in digital version. By SD This is an entertaining enough read, but I am very disappointed that the digital version does not include the photos. I feel this should be added as a disclaimer on digital books that lack images because I expect to have them included if they are part of the print copy.

This intimate, shocking—and thoroughly unauthorized—portrait of the Hiltons chronicles the family's amazing odyssey from poverty and obscurity to glory and glamour. From Conrad Hilton, the eccentric “innkeeper to the world” who built a global empire beginning with a fleabag in a dusty Texas backwater, to Paris Hilton, his great-granddaughter, whose fame took off with a sex video, *House of Hilton* is the unauthorized, eye-popping portrait of one of America's most outrageous dynasties. If you want to know how Paris Hilton became who she is, you have to know where she came from. From scores of candid and exclusive interviews, from private documents and public records, New York Times bestselling author Jerry Oppenheimer has dug deeply into her paternal and maternal family roots to reveal the often shocking, tragic, and comic lives that helped shape the world's most famous and fabulous “celebutante.” The cast of characters includes Paris's maternal grandmother, a materialistic “stage mother from hell”; There is Paris's maternal grandfather, who became an alcoholic housepainter. The life of Paris's mother, Kathy Hilton, groomed by her mother to be a star and marry rich, is candidly revealed, too, as is that of Paris's father, Rick, Conrad's grandson. Paris's tabloid antics are truly in the Hilton tradition. Set against a glittery Hollywood backdrop—with appearances by stars like Elizabeth Taylor, Zsa Zsa Gabor, Natalie Wood, and Joan Collins—*House of Hilton* brings to light a cornucopia of closely held Hilton family secrets and sexual peccadilloes, such as the many affairs and the nightclub-brawling, boozing, and pill-popping life of Paris's great-uncle, Nick Hilton. The story of his hellish marriage to Liz Taylor alone rivals any of today's Hollywood breakups. Behind it all was Conrad Hilton, who built his worldwide empire through the Great Depression while others were jumping out of windows. A devout Catholic publicly, his personal life was that of an unrepentant sinner. His first marriage was to Mary Barron Hilton, a sexy, hard-drinking, gambling Kentucky teenager half Conrad's age. Wife number two was the gorgeous Zsa Zsa, who, like Paris, was famous for being famous. Their tumultuous marriage and headline-making divorce are revealed here in all their juicy glory. In all, *House of Hilton* is a gripping American saga, from the fire and passions that built a business empire to the debauchery

and amorality passed on from one generation to the next. From the Hardcover edition.