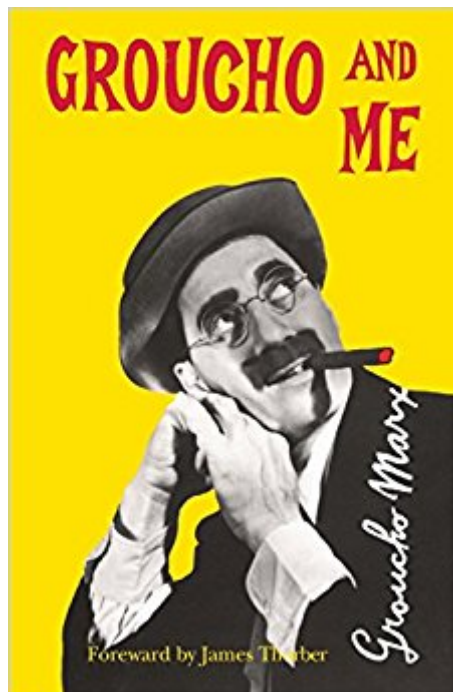


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Groucho And Me



Synopsis

With impeccable timing, outrageous humor, irreverent wit, and a superb sense of the ridiculous, Groucho tells the saga of the Marx Brothers: the poverty of their childhood in New York's Upper East Side; the crooked world of small-time vaudeville (where they learned to carry blackjacks); how a pretzel magnate and the graceless dancer of his dreams led to the Marx Brothers' first Broadway hit, *I'll Say She Is!*; how the stock market crash in 1929 proved a godsend for Groucho (even though he lost nearly a quarter of a million dollars); the adventures of the Marx Brothers in Hollywood, the making of their hilarious films, and Groucho's triumphant television series, *You Bet Your Life!* Here is the life and lunatic times of the great eccentric genius, Groucho, a.k.a. Julius Henry Marx.

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Customer Reviews

The one, the only Groucho here offers his own life story, which, of course, includes his famous brothers (LJ 10/15/58). Though filled with laughs throughout, the book reveals the struggle of the Marxes to break from the poverty of New York's East Side to achieve success and stardom. A good companion to last year's reprint of *The Groucho Letters* (Classic Returns, LJ Copyright 1995 Reed Business Information, Inc.

As a member of the Marx Brothers, Julius (1895–1977), a.k.a. Groucho, enjoyed a sensational career on Broadway and in Hollywood with such comedy classics as *Animal Crackers*, *Duck Soup*, and *A Night at the Opera*. His solo career included work as a film actor, television game

show emcee, and author of *Groucho & Me*, his autobiography.

Without even trying, Groucho Marx was a very funny man. He was irreverent and cutting, but never malicious. You should read his letter to Warner Brothers when they sent him a 'cease and desist' letter about the movie *Night in Casablanca*. If you are looking for a non-autobiography autobiography, this is it. He constantly tries to avoid talking about his personal life, but the whole book is clearly about his personal life. There just aren't any like him left out there anymore.

No ghost writer here. I could hear Groucho's voice speaking every single word. Not so much a biography as it is a series of wonderful stories that occurred throughout his life. If you're a Groucho fan you'll really enjoy this book. Once started, it's hard to put down until finished.

A fine book. Learn about his early life and much more. One of the greatest comedians of the age. I enjoyed this book so much, I will be reading other books written by the one and the only GROUCHO.

A hilarious Groucho old man... The literary references alone are a revelation and well worth the small price... However, if you're ISO dirt (and surely there is plenty of it), Julius turns out to be way too classy to dis the many in his line of work who deserve it. Makes me wonder how much of *Minnie's Boys* was fiction?

I always liked Groucho. I loved his old game show. I'm still reading v the book.

A beloved and hilarious man. I've loved the Marx Brothers ever since I was a child. This book helps to fill in the blanks as to who Groucho Marx was off stage.

I take pleasure in seeing pictures from and reading anything about circa early nineteen hundreds. Groucho tells of a time when you could make good clean fun out of dirt, or anything else for that matter. Out of being born dirt poor one day and then with fifteen years of hard core comedic work be filthy rich the next. He's telling stories of all the amusing circumstances along his way to the top. He shows how things have not change in the stock market; the mob buys into to market, everybody gets rich on paper and because they don't know when to sell they lose it all, in Groucho's case \$250,000. In his charming way he pokes fun of everything, narrating wonderful "true story" lessons

in history from that time period. If you like Groucho and stories about the Marx Brothers of Vaudeville, Broadway, Movies, and TV; stories about the show business industry from this time period then you will enjoy this book.

I'm still laughing.

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