

# Sacramento Book Review



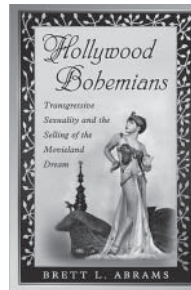
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## **Hollywood Bohemians**

*By Brett L. Abrams*

*McFarland, \$39.95, 256 pages*

Digging out the roots of our fascination with celebrities, Abrams details the original publicity stunts and tabloids of Old Hollywood. *Hollywood Bohemians* chronicles the spotlight that was thrust onto celebrities of the day, especially upon the celebrities with not-so-traditional sex lives. Homosexuality, of both men and women, transsexualism, and other preferences and fetishes were the talk of the day, and interestingly enough not cast into a bad light. These eccentric stars were portrayed as larger-than-life and their escapades, especially their sexual ones, were shown as adventurous and used as an image to sell to the masses.



Showing the origins of one of the large aspects of modern pop culture, Abrams gives us a fresh perspective on a stale topic, once again making it palatable. Our entrancement with Hollywood stars and their lives goes back as far as Hollywood does, and the story of how that started is quite engaging.