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In 1921 there burst upon the New York social scene the famous Morgan twins, Thelma and Gloria, whose names in the decade that followed came to spell glamour and excitement in that magic world of the "international set." Two continents thrilled to Thelma Furness's romances with Richard Bennett, Lord Furness, the Prince of Wales, Aly Khan, and Edmund Lowe. The whole world followed with bated breath the searing custody trial over young Gloria that pitted mother against daughter and shook the Vanderbilts and society. While much has been written from the outside about all of this, the two principals have never before disclosed the real truth behind the rumors and the headlines. And exciting as are their personal adventures and escapades, their story is also a portrait of an era.

In every age there have been certain women who through a combination of beauty and personality have attracted the love and admiration of rich or famous men, and who seem to be the embodiments of the feminine charm of the period. The Edwardian era had its Lily Langtry, the Napoleonic its Josephine, the eighteenth century its Du Barry and its Lady Hamilton—and so on back to antiquity. In our time, among those women who have come close to fitting this role are Lady Furness and Gloria Vanderbilt.

From childhood each had the elusive qualities that characterize the femme fatale. Both knew the love of many men, both suffered deeply, and now both have happily risen above the vicissitudes of their checkered careers and face the future with gallantry, humor, and without rancor or bitterness over the past. In this spirit, and with all sincerity, they have set down the story of their lives.

In Double Exposure, we are given a matchless picture of life among the great—and the near-great—in the now-vanished world between the two wars. Above all, we come to know the minds and hearts and philosophy of life and love of two fascinating women, and something of the nature of fascination itself.

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Nichole1980hotmail.Com says

Wonderful book

I loved the book wrote by the Morgan twins, Mrs. Gloria Vanderbilt and Lady Furness.

I was born in 1980 but as far as I can remember I've only watched black and white movies and followed stars that left this earth before I was born.

This is story of not just twin sisters that married into fortune s but also how love, a mother's love lost those fortunes to just keep a child close to them.

Teri Reitmeyer perry says

kept my interest

...i wasn't sure if this book would keep my interest long enuff for me to finish it...it is not a gossipy, name-dropping auto/biography of the sisters...it also does not go into meticulous, drawn-out detail about certain incidents & this is, in my opinion, what kept me curious enuff to keep reading....although curious, i didn't feel that i just couldn't put it down for a bit...i would recommend this book if you are interested in the twins' story told from gloria's viewpoint & without embellishments....

Betty says

TWO STORIES IN ONE

This book is written by twin sisters Gloria Vanderbilt and Thelma Furness. They lived through so much pain and heartbreak and yet they tell their stories in a straight forward manner with no self-pity. They lived in glamourous and historical time and they share their story with us. The story ends with their running a perfume company and I sure wish I knew the rest of the story.

Sherry Howard says

A self serving look back at the lives of Gloria and Thelma Morgan, society twin girls in the early to mid 1900's. Gloria married a Vanderbilt heir and gave birth to "little Gloria" the one we know well who is the mother of Anderson Cooper. Thelma married a very wealthy Brit who became Lord Furness. She was also the mistress to the Prince of Wales before Wallis Simpson sunk her claws into him. The book is just a series of tales about the twins -shallow people with questionable morals and no obvious intellect - and the rarefied lives the super rich. Ugh. Amateurly written(no ghost writer here). World wars and the Depression are mere footnotes to their parties, trysts and marriages. Even in 1958 when the book was written you would think some self-awareness would creep in to at least acknowledge the horrors and suffering. They did have a

terrible, probably bi-polar mother but I'm not sure that's enough of an excuse for the "twins".

Barbara Finazzo says

What Lives They Led

An amazing story of life as the wealthy lived in an age never to be seen again. The twins married well, more than once. The social scene the most important thing their world centered around. I thought many times while reading their story what self-centered, self righteous people they were. Their importance and self worth revolved around what ball they would attend. They saw great wealth, and both worked hard to be sure they had it also. Whether this meant marrying well, or asking a child to support them. Useless is the one word I can think of to describe the twins. Privileged or pathetic, read their story and decide for yourself.

Wendy says

Loved this book. Such an interesting insight into these two. And so interesting to hear Big Gloria's side of the custody battle. And to learn more about Thelma. Fascinating insight into these people and their time.

Olga says

Human nature shown on its many different faces.

Sometimes innocent people have to pay a high price when surrounded by manipulative ones. Money does not buy happiness. Real life outstands fiction.

Donna Gilmore says

Best book ever

I have read this book almost straight through, not wanting to put it down. Needless to say, it is one of the most fascinating books I have read in my seventh-seven years.

Annie Howe says

Truth is stranger than fiction

The old adage certainly is true! The lives of the Morgan twins reads like a soap opera series, with more dramatic twists than even the best of them. Gloria and Thelma Morgan, identical twins, lived more lives than any of us dream about. And another saying, "all that glitters is not gold," describes their turbulent

childhoods, marriages, and relationships perfectly. You have to read this incredible autobiography to believe it. And a great read it is!

Robin says

Interesting and enjoyable

Very fascinating, .loved this book. The background on Gloria Vanderbilt was interesting. I highly recommend this book for fans of celebrity biographies and autobiographies.

Lorraine Ortego says

Amazing

Good reading but was amazed at how little those two ever thought about just being down to earth instead of always extravagantly spending money on themselves. Sounded a bit much.

Jan Chiles says

3 stars

Though I am interested in this time period and the people who lived it, the twins' lives have been unorthodox. Being rich when young, then living off of others as they got older. Especially Gloria, Thelma was usually married. 18+

Sharon Blakley says

Very Good

I enjoyed every minute of this book. I don't usually like stories that do each chapter with a different person. However this book is so well written that I hardly noticed. It has peaked my interest and I will be looking for more books on this fascinating family.

Karen J. Dikes says

Enjoyable diversion

While this world of privilege and society is outdated it is still interesting to know how it was lived. The thought of hopping on ships and going back and forth across the ocean for any provocation is unbelievable today. These two women certainly had complicated, unhappy lives.

Angela Cassidy says

Excellent Read

I loved this book for so many reasons. Learning not only about Thelma & Gloria's lives and experiences but also learning more about a different side/perspective of other stories written about the eras that they lived through. All of this and the upmost respect for sharing all of the raw emotions from sad, confused, anxious, happy, ecstatic, overwhelmed, and finally content. I hope that through all of it, they give thanks to God for giving one another each other. Thank you ladies for sharing your lives with us.
