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**James Cagney : Cagney by Cagney** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Cagney by Cagney:

13 of 13 people found the following review helpful. Required Reading For Cagney FansBy SolowolfRight from the horse's mouth! Told in Cagney's rat-a-tat-tat style of speech. Even on paper I could hear his voice in my head as I read. Okay, okay, he starts the book off rambling about his childhood exploits. Sounded like a man anxiously reminiscing about the years that made him who he has become. He does so in a hurry, thus leading the reader into a tailspin. But, he does settle down after awhile.Once he hits the point in the book where his entertainment years begin, boy oh boy, hold your hat for an exciting ride. What great stuff. Even better to me as an amateur actor and movie fanatic is the behind the scenes stories Cagney shares from his first person point of view. We're talking early Hollywood stuff, like the fact Clarke Gable, Cagney and many others thought movie making would be a fad. WOW! They all predicted the big Hollywood bust similar to what happened to the Dot Com era in its infancy.Better yet are his many stories, some hilarious while others profound about his take on actors and directors of his day. Cagney pulls no punches when offering his opinions about the people and the movie business during his active years and his take on what he calls movie slop being dished out starting in the 70's. Grumpy old man syndrome? Perhaps, but it's stimulating just the same.Finally, in his later years the rough and tough Cagney turns philosopher. His love of nature and art and life are inspiring to say the least. Even though I just finished reading my copy yesterday I think I'll read it again starting right now.Awesome and Entertaining!0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. For Classic Movie Lovers Only!By JeffIf you're not a classic movie lover this book isn't for you. Mr. Cagney brushes lightly over the subjects of his

family life and private life. I found it fascinating read in that he tells anecdotes about various movies he's made over the years. While reading this book a liberal use of Wikipedia is required; Mr. Cagney writes about individuals and movies long before my generation. So on those conditions this is an enjoyable book. What is most striking is his point of view regarding his personal acting career. To Mr. Cagney, acting was a means by which "to put food on the table." He enjoyed the basically simple life, free from the Hollywood glitz and glamor. He seems like a very personable fellow and a friend who could be counted on. He didn't enjoy the limelight although he didn't shun it either. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Love Cagney! By liz phil Love this book! Its good 'Ol Cagney writing about his past. Love the way that he drifts from story to story. If your a Cagney fan like me please order this book. It was fun to read and learned a lot from behind the scenes and Cagney always had something nice to say about everyone that he had worked with.

This book is for the true fan of James Cagney. Mr. Cagney tells his story as no one can.

About the Author James Cagney was an Academy Award nominated American actor and dancer on stage and screen. He was the recipient of the American Film Institutes Life Achievement Award, the Kennedy Center Honors, and a Career Achievement Award from the National Board of . His autobiography, Cagney by Cagney, was published in 1976. He died in 1986.