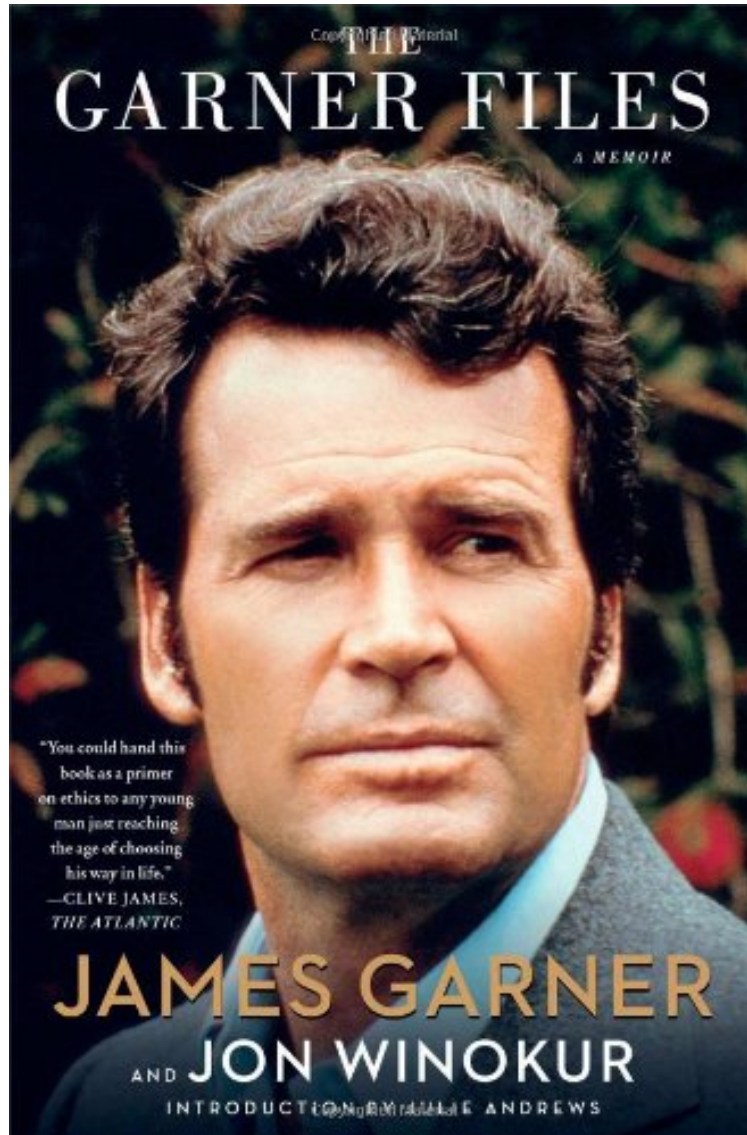


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**Jon Winokur, James Garner : The Garner Files: A Memoir** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Garner Files: A Memoir:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Great read. By W. Walsh I really enjoyed this memoir from James Garner. I'd have liked to have met him in person, if only to thank him for all of the entertainment he provided over the years (especially as Jim Rockford in The Rockford Files). This book was the next best thing. If I could have changed anything about it, I'd liked to have been The Rockford Files discussed in more detail than it was. 1 of 1 people found

the following review helpful. Pretty good book about one of my favorite actorsBy J. CareyPretty good book about one of my favorite actors, he tells it like it was and makes it interesting for us. Garner led a very interesting life though not without his issues but I feel that now I know who he really is. If you like him you will like the book.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. DisappointingBy Samantha's helperThis book feels hollow. It contains very few intimate memories and left me feeling that James Garner didn't want to talk about himself or any significant events in his life. He also didn't seem to want to talk about insignificant events in his life, so I pity the writer who had to generate all that text to fill the pages. BTW I am a big fan of Garner so I was disappointed by this book.

Told in the charming and self-deprecating style that has made him one of Americas most beloved celebrities the real story behind Hollywood legend James Garner, from his Depression-era childhood to his colorful career. His incredible story, in his own words. One of Hollywoods all-time great leading men, James Garner enjoyed a remarkable career spanning six decades, and whether you know him as Bret Maverick or Jim Rockford, his appeal bridges generations. Few know the real story, now told in this intimate memoir of growing up in Depression-era Oklahoma and triumphing in Hollywood. After physical abuse at the hands of his stepmother, Garner left home at fourteen. He was Oklahomas first draftee of the Korean War, receiving two Purple Hearts for combat wounds. Back in Los Angeles in need of a job, Garner reluctantly tried acting and was surprised to find his career taking off. Working with such luminaries as Julie Andrews, Marlon Brando, Steve McQueen, and Clint Eastwood, he became a star in his own right. He threw himself into his work, and despite stage fright and bouts of depression, constant physical pain and epic battles with the Hollywood establishment, he became the acting equivalent of a national monument. Written with Jon Winokur, *The Garner Files* is a wry, engaging self-portrait chronicling the vagaries of a screen career along with the cast of personal and professional characters that helped shape a great American life.