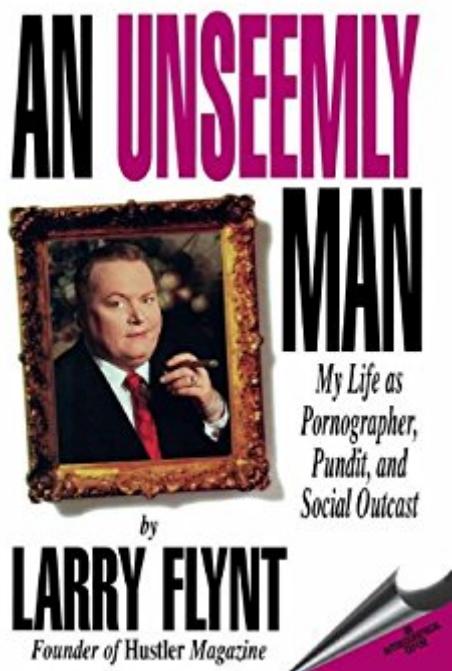


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AN UNSEEMLY MAN: My Life As A Pornographer, Pundit, And Social Outcast



Synopsis

Larry Flynt was considered to be one of the most ardent advocates of the First Amendment during the 20th century. Flynt continues to be controversial and outspoken, hated and adored, and his life needs no exaggeration to make it one of the most interesting stories in recent history. The real events of Flynt's life are captured here for the very first time, from his roots in Appalachia to his troubles in Beverly Hills. Updated from the original published edition to include Flynt's role in the "Washington Madam" brouhaha. Phoenix Books is proud to offer this ebook edition which is newly formatted for digital readers and features a fully interactive table of contents.

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Customer Reviews

This was a very great read and tells the path of a man who has stood up for the common man and woman. His story is one of spectacular triumph and the saddest of tragedies. His fight for free speech is not one he chose but one he was chosen for. Through the pages of this book, you will get a look at a view of America through the eyes and heart of a man who lived the American dream to the fullest. He fought for our rights against a moral majority and won. His story shows us that law is malleable

but that also law is corrupt and the system works like a sporting event sometimes."I have railed against the institutions and people who have held down the common, ordinary citizen: government, the rich, organized religion. In the pages of Hustler I have satirized and ridiculed every institution that exercises illegitimate and corrupt power" - Larry Flynt, from *An Unseemly Man*, p. 78.

Pretty good read. Lots of coverage of his early life, how he got into the clubs, and how Hustler got started. Pretty interesting. Covers most of his lawsuits pretty well. I wish it would have more on why Hustler was the way it was, but I guess it was a book about Larry, not the magazine. I enjoyed reading about his court battles and the hypocrisy of some of those who sued him.

Great business book and an inspiration for people who are bipolar. Highly recommended, although I enjoyed the first half, explaining business, running bars, etc. which wasn't discussed much in the movie: *The People against Larry Flynt*, better than the second half which focusses on court battles.

Along with Hugh Hefner and others, Flynt brought a fresh, sometimes smelly, view of what free speech means, and what people should be allowed to read, see, and enjoy. The book covers his upbringing, and his time in the military, and of course, his early sexual experiences (do we really care?). This book is dated, 1996, but Flynt stays in the game, even after being shot and disabled. He does take on the up-tight, so-called moral majority, and his courtroom efforts stop others from dictating what we can say and do, within the bounds of decency and attacks on our own particular beliefs. If you don't like his magazines and videos, don't buy them - it's as simple as that. But some closet pervert shouldn't be able to tell the rest of us what is right and correct and what our position should be on every issue. I believe it is called freedom of choice.

Having read this many years ago as a young man, It still very vividly sticks with me today. Larry Flynt lead one interesting life. From early beginnings with moonshine to the strip clubs and Hustler Magazine to eventually his taking on the Supreme Court in a battle for the first amendment, this book never offers a dull moment. Funny and Informative.

The fact that Larry Flynt has earned the undying gratitude of the Democratic Party is more of a sad commentary on that party than it is a compliment to Mr. Flynt! Yes, he's worked his way to the top and is now a millionaire --- but we could say the same about John Gotti or the Reverend Jim Baker, and I certainly don't respect them!No, I'm afraid Mr. Flynt is a flash in the pan, who will soon be

discarded by his Democratic Party friends as the 2000 election nears. And these books showing him to be a heroic figure will fizzle out as well --- after all, Larry Flynt's loyal readership requires full-frontal nudity in all of their reading material.

I was looking forward to this book, hoping that Flynt would actually reveal something of himself that we didn't already know from the film "The People vs. Larry Flynt." Leave it to a pornographer to reveal absolutely nothing of importance. The book is really just a play-by-play of his 'career' -- and the writing is slow, at times meandering, and just boring. I've concluded Flynt himself is boring. Among other things, I would have loved to hear about his long feud with High Society publisher Carl Ruderman (one of the world's richest and least-known porn kings), but Flynt bails on us. Instead he opts to recount the demise of his wife and the legal particulars of his case with the Supreme Court. At times it's a bit reminiscent of the undoing of Lenny Bruce, standing on stage reciting court transcripts to a crowd expecting jokes. In the end, it's all just sad, pathetic and SOOOOOO old.

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