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Coco Chanel The Legend and the Life *HarperCollins UK* Justine Picardie has spent the last decade puzzling over the truth about Coco Chanel, attempting to peel away the accretions of romance and lies. In this beautifully illustrated, impeccably written full-scale biography we finally discover the history of the incredible woman who created the way we look now. Coco Chanel was an extraordinary inventor - she conjured up the little black dress, bobbed hair, trousers for women, contemporary chic, best-selling perfumes, and the most successful fashion brand of all time - but she also invented herself, fashioning the myth of her own life with the same dexterity as her couture. While Chanel was supreme innovator and vendor of all things elegant and beautiful, what lies beneath her own glossy myth is far darker. Throwing new light on her passionate and turbulent relationships, this beautifully constructed portrait gives a fresh and penetrating look at how Coco Chanel made herself into her own most powerful creation. Justine Picardie brings the mysterious Gabrielle Chanel out of hiding, to celebrate her great achievements. She examines Chanel's enduring afterlife, as well as her remarkable life, uncovering the consequences of what she covered up, unpicking the seams between truth and legend, yet keeping intact the real fabric of her past. **Chanel An Intimate Life** *Penguin UK* In **Chanel: An Intimate Life**, acclaimed biographer Lisa Chaney tells the controversial story of the fashion icon who starred in her tumultuous era. Coco Chanel was many things to many people. Raised in emotional and financial poverty, she became one of the defining figures of the twentieth century. She was mistress to aristocrats, artists and spies. She broke rules of style and decorum, seducing both men and women, yet in her work expected the highest standards. She took a 'plaything' and turned it into a global industry which defined the modern woman. Filled with new insights and thrilling discoveries, Lisa Chaney's Chanel provides the most defining and provocative portrait yet. 'Chaney's research is laudable, uncovering fresh details of Chanel's well-trodden rag trade to riches story' *Evening Standard* 'An unflinching examination of the historically inscrutable designer' *Vogue* Lisa Chaney has lectured and tutored in the history of art and literature, made TV and radio broadcasts on the history of culture, and reviewed and written for journals and newspapers, including *The SundayTimes*, *the Spectator* and *the Guardian*. She is the author of two previous biographies: *Elizabeth David* and *Hide-and-Seek With Angels: The Life of J.M. Barrie*. **Living with Coco Chanel The homes and landscapes that shaped the designer** *White Lion Publishing* Gabrielle 'Coco' Chanel was one of the most influential and ground-breaking fashion designers of the twentieth century. This beautifully illustrated biography tells her remarkable story in a unique and accessible way, examining how the homes and landscapes of her life relate to her work. From her childhood at the convent at Aubazine to her boutique and apartment on Rue Cambon in Paris and her villa, La Pausa, on the French Riviera, Chanel's style was inspired and influenced by her environment. Emerging at a time that allowed women to be more independent, she designed clothes that let them be free. As she found fame, love and success, she used the memories of her past, and the way that she lived, to forge her own independence. Featuring designs, drawings, archive imagery and contemporary photography, **Living with Coco Chanel** provides a fascinating insight into Chanel's life, work and legacy. **Chanel Her Life** *Steidl* Coco Chanel (1883-1971) is one of the twentieth century's most captivating personalities and a defining figure in fashion history. Yet whoever attempts to understand Chanel's life is confronted by countless myths, half-truths and rumours. In this book Justine Picardie discovers the woman behind the legend, and tells Chanel's story with a flair and clarity of which Coco herself would approve. **Chanel - Her Life** explores every facet of Chanel's universe: her fascinating private life as well as the famous icons of her fashion empire - the tweed jacket, the little black dress, N° 5 perfume, the pearls, the camellia... The result is a comprehensive biography that reveals Chanel's style to be the outcome of rigorous elegance, resolute self-belief and a determinedly unconventional stance. Picardie was granted access to Chanel's archives and is the first author to have examined previously undiscovered private archives in the United Kingdom and France; and this unique knowledge underpins **Chanel - Her Life**. The book, designed and with drawings by Karl Lagerfeld, is the definitive biography of the tantalisingly elusive Coco Chanel. **Gospel According to Coco Chanel Life Lessons From The World'S Most Elegant Woman** *Rowman & Littlefield* **NOW IN PAPERBACK!** A modern look at the life of a fashion icon—with practical life lessons for women of all ages Delving into the extraordinary life of renowned French fashion designer Coco Chanel, Karen Karbo has written a new kind of self-help book, exploring Chanel's philosophy on a range of universal themes—from style to passion, from money and success to femininity and living life on your own terms. **Coco Chanel A Biography** *Bloomsbury Paperbacks* Coco Chanel's genius for fashion may have been distilled in simplicity, but her life was an extravaganza. A brilliant array of luminaries fell

under her spell - Picasso, Churchill, Cocteau- lovers included the Grand Duke Dmitri; the English roue, Boy Capel; a French poet- a German spy and the Duke of Westminster, who offered to leave his wife for her permanently, if she would bear him an heir. Paradoxically, though she might have been regarded in some lights as a pioneering feminist - sacrificing marriage to a revolutionary career in couture - Chanel was utterly baffled by the idea of women's politics. Educated women? 'A woman's education consists of two lessons- never leave the house without stockings, never go out without a hat.' Chanel's rise from penniless orphan to millionaire designer - 'inventing' sportswear, the little black dress and No 5 - makes compelling reading, not least because she was inclined to design her own life as deftly as she did her fashions. Axel Madsen negotiates Chanel's smoke screens with skill, bringing this tantalising woman to life in all her alluring complexity. *Coco Chanel An Intimate Life Penguin* The controversial story of Chanel, the twentieth century's foremost fashion icon Revolutionizing women's dress, Gabrielle "Coco" Chanel was the twentieth century's most influential designer. Her extraordinary and unconventional journey—from abject poverty to a new kind of glamour—helped forge the idea of modern woman. Unearthing an astonishing life, this remarkable biography shows how, more than any previous designer, Chanel became synonymous with a rebellious and progressive style. Her numerous liaisons, whose poignant and tragic details have eluded all previous biographers, were the very stuff of legend. Witty and mesmerizing, she became muse, patron, or mistress to the century's most celebrated artists, including Picasso, Dalí, and Stravinsky. Drawing on newly discovered love letters and other records, Chaney's controversial book reveals the truth about Chanel's drug habits, her lesbian affairs, and her German lover during World War II. While uniquely highlighting the designer's far-reaching influence on the modern arts, Chaney's fascinating biography paints a more nuanced picture of Coco Chanel than any so far. *Movingly, it explores the origins, the creative power, and the secret suffering of this exceptional and often misunderstood woman. If The Spirit Moves You Life and Love After Death Pan Macmillan* With an introduction by Andrew O'Hagan When I think about her now, which is most of the time, it's like rewinding a silent film in my head: I see the crucial scenes in our lives together. But what I can't hear is her voice in my head, and that silence is driving me crazy. After her sister Ruth's death from breast cancer in September 1997, Justine Picardie was desperate to speak to her again, to hear her voice, to find something - anything - that might fill the space she had left behind. Over the course of the next year, Justine's search for Ruth lead her into the underworld of spiritualism, through a series of encounters with mediums and psychics who believe that we can communicate with those we have lost. *If the Spirit Moves You is Justine's remarkable story about her search for the afterlife in an age of reason, scepticism and science. Powerfully moving, both heart-breaking and funny, it is an extraordinary classic about the exhausting journey of grief and the enduring power of love. Chanel Harvill Press* Coco Chanel was a legend who revolutionised the way women looked. She became the single most important arbiter of fashion and taste in the 20th century. Just her name was sufficient to convey prestige, quality and unmistakable style. The Duke of Westminster wooed her, Stravinsky played for her and Goldwyn enticed her to Hollywood. She knew everybody who was anybody in the world of the arts from Picasso and Cocteau to Marlene Dietrich and Ingrid Bergman. She designed frankly fake jewellery, introduced the basic 'little black dress' and perfumed the world with her No. 5. However, as this remarkable biography shows, there was a mass of contradictions behind the myth of 'Mademoiselle'. Chanel follows her story from her upbringing in provincial Auvergne through her first successes in the 1920s to her comeback in the 1950s and 1960s. *Edmond Charles-Roux's book is definitive as history and immensely entertaining as gossip. Coco Chanel Reaktion Books* The name Chanel brings immediately to mind the signature scent of No. 5 and the understated but sophisticated glamour of a simple black dress and pearls. But to consider Gabrielle "Coco" Chanel (1883-1971) as simply a fashion designer fails to capture her social and cultural significance. As Linda Simon reveals in this biography, Chanel was an iconoclastic entrepreneur who rebelled against and manipulated gender expectations of her time. With her menswear-inspired designs, her loose jersey sweaters belted jauntily at the waist, and her svelte, unadorned gowns, Chanel changed women's silhouettes, and she became known as a champion of women's freedom. Chanel not only changed the shape of women's clothing, but the narrative of women's lives in the early twentieth century. From her very first hat shop until her death, Chanel sold more than fashion—she sold a myth that became as attractive for many women as her coveted outfits. Simon here teases apart that myth to explore its contradictions—Chanel was a self-proclaimed recluse who emerged as one of the most spectacular personalities of her time; she was a brilliant businesswoman who signed away ninety percent of her company; and she was a genius who claimed she was nothing more than an artisan. In this insightful book, Simon examines the world both reflected and shaped by Chanel, setting her life and work within the context of women's history in France and America from the Roaring Twenties to the profound social changes of the 1960s. Drawing upon rich archival sources, Simon's lively book is a clear-eyed look at a woman whose influence and legend transcend the world of fashion. *Chanel Her Life, Her World, the Woman Behind the Legend Maclehose Press Quercus* The true story of the magnificent Coco Chanel. She revolutionised how women looked. She banned corsets, shortened skirts and scented the world with Chanel No. 5. Gabrielle 'Coco' Chanel was an icon. Her true story came to light when Vogue editor Edmonde Charles-Roux, intrigued, decided to pursue the true history of this enigmatic icon. *Chanel A Woman of Her Own Chanel.* The name alone evokes fashion & perfume, emancipation & allure. This revealing, intimate biography brings to life Gabrielle ¿Coco¿ Chanel, who was born an illegitimate pauper & rose to become the reigning queen of fashion, revolutionizing women¿s styles forever. *Traces Chanel¿s extraordinary life, from her beginnings as an orphan, to the first small boutique she opened in 1910 (using her lover¿s financial backing), to the founding of the house of Chanel where she altered the look of fashion entirely, inventing sportswear, the ¿little black dress,¿ costume jewelry, & perfume. ¿This is the story of the magnificent woman who was a force & legend in her time & ours.¿ Lavishly illustrated with photos of Chanel & her friends & lovers. *Sleeping with the Enemy Coco Chanel's Secret War Vintage* This explosive*

narrative reveals for the first time the shocking hidden years of Coco Chanel's life: her collaboration with the Nazis in Paris, her affair with a master spy, and her work for the German military intelligence service and Himmler's SS. Gabrielle "Coco" Chanel was the high priestess of couture who created the look of the modern woman. By the 1920s she had amassed a fortune and went on to create an empire. But her life from 1941 to 1954 has long been shrouded in rumor and mystery, never clarified by Chanel or her many biographers. Hal Vaughan exposes the truth of her wartime collaboration and her long affair with the playboy Baron Hans Günther von Dincklage—who ran a spy ring and reported directly to Goebbels. Vaughan pieces together how Chanel became a Nazi agent, how she escaped arrest after the war and joined her lover in exile in Switzerland, and how—despite suspicions about her past—she was able to return to Paris at age seventy and rebuild the iconic House of Chanel. *Coco Chanel The Illustrated World of a Fashion Icon* *Hardie Grant Publishing* *Coco Chanel: The Illustrated World of a Fashion Icon* is an illustrated biography of Coco's Chanel's life from the internationally reknown illustrator and author, Megan Hess. It features key moments from Coco's amazing life and iconic items from the fashion empire that she built. Think an illustrated picture book for adults, told through Megan's stylish and feminine illustrations with a fun, whimsical and magical bent. Coco Chanel takes us on a romp through the three distinct chapters of Coco's life: from Coco's early life and building the brand, to the empire she created, to the legacy she left behind, and how her style is still influential and iconic today. Hess's book literally paints a picture of the woman who forever changed the way women dress.—The Australian *Coco Chanel: The Illustrated World of a Fashion Icon* is a beautifully presented biography of the designer—Books + Publishing National Style lovers, unite! This amazing guided tour of Chanel's game-changing empire is made for coffee tables—Cleo Australian illustrator Megan Hess, whose work graces prestigious designers and brands including Chanel, Carrier and Tiffany and Co., creates a whimsical adventure through the world of Mademoiselle Chanel—PRIMO Life The Chanel Sisters A Novel *Harlequin* A USA Today and Globe and Mail bestseller! A novel of survival, love, loss, triumph—and the sisters who changed fashion forever Antoinette and Gabrielle "Coco" Chanel know they're destined for something better. Abandoned by their family at a young age, they've grown up under the guidance of nuns preparing them for simple lives as the wives of tradesmen or shopkeepers. At night, their secret stash of romantic novels and magazine cutouts beneath the floorboards are all they have to keep their dreams of the future alive. The walls of the convent can't shield them forever, and when they're finally of age, the Chanel sisters set out together with a fierce determination to prove themselves worthy to a society that has never accepted them. Their journey propels them out of poverty and to the stylish cafés of Moulins, the dazzling performance halls of Vichy—and to a small hat shop on the rue Cambon in Paris, where a boutique business takes hold and expands to the glamorous French resort towns. But the sisters' lives are again thrown into turmoil when World War I breaks out, forcing them to make irrevocable choices, and they'll have to gather the courage to fashion their own places in the world, even if apart from each other. "The Chanel Sisters explores with care the timeless need for belonging, purpose, and love, and the heart's relentless pursuit of these despite daunting odds. Beautifully told to the last page." —Susan Meissner, bestselling author of *The Last Year of the War* *Coco Chanel A Life from Beginning to End* Discover the remarkable life of Coco Chanel...The legendary French designer Coco Chanel was born in 1883. She changed the way women thought about fashion and themselves; her dresses were meant to free women of the corset and allow them to move freely and elegantly. At the dawn of a new century, Chanel stood for a new type of woman. Chanel worked her way up from living in an orphanage to dining with royalty. She personified her own designs. Always independent, she never married, took on lovers as she pleased, and never apologized. A century after Coco Chanel opened her first small shop in Paris, her designs still define luxury. Discover a plethora of topics such as *An Orphaned Girl Coco Takes on Paris* *Chanel No. 5 The Crash of 1929 Chanel during World War II: The Nazi Spy Exile and Return* And much more! So if you want a concise and informative book on Coco Chanel, simply scroll up and click the "Buy now" button for instant access! *Coco Chanel The Biography (A Complete Life from Beginning to the End)* *Independently Published* History Hub presents a brief biography of Coco Chanel from beginning to end, whose remarkable story impacts our lives even today. Like any great legend, the history of fashion designer Gabrielle Bonheur Chanel, also known as "Coco Chanel," is marked by poverty, abandonment, love, genius, and fame, unveiling what lies beneath the glossy surface of a mythic fashion icon. Chanel's life story begins with an abandoned child, as lost as a girl in a dark fairy tale. Unveiling remarkable new details about Chanel's early years in a convent orphanage and her flight into unconventional adulthood, all these struggles didn't stop her from creating the essential fashion house in history. Chanel was a visionary. She is famous for her timeless and classic designs, trademark suits, and little black dresses. She managed to interpret the oppression that women felt in time, and she was there when the crazy 1920s exploded. She created the most crucial fashion house in history. The House of Chanel stands at 31 Rue Cambon, a shrine to its dead creator, yet also a living, thriving temple of twenty-first-century fashion, the destination for pilgrims who travel here from all around the world. Coco Chanel may be dead, but her legacy lives on. Discover in this short yet concise biography the remarkable story of a life who impacted future generations. This book also contains 30 questions for an in-depth discussion into the life of Coco Chanel. Download your copy now on sale Read on your PC, Mac, iOS or Android smartphone, tablet devices. *Coco Chanel Three Weeks/1962* *Glitterati* After being sent to Paris on assignment for Look magazine, Douglas Kirkland lived with Coco Chanel for three weeks and captured both the public and the intimate moments of her daily life. *The Secret of Chanel No. 5 The Intimate History of the World's Most Famous Perfume* *Harper Collins* "Who knew that such a tiny bottle housed so many secrets?" —Michael Tonello, author of *Bringing Home the Birkin* Tilar J. Mazzeo, author of the New York Times bestseller *The Widow Clicquot* (an Amazon Best of the Month book in October 2008) returns with a captivating history of the world's most famous, seductive, and popular perfume: Chanel No. 5. Mazzeo's sweeping story of the iconic scent (known as "le monstre" in the fragrance industry) stretches from Coco Chanel's early success to the rise of the

seminal fragrance during the 1950s to the confirmation of its bestseller status in today's crowded perfume market. "Here is the life of one of the 20th century's most interesting and deeply complicated women, a fascinating cultural history, and the story of an extraordinary perfume." —Chandler Burr, New York Times scent critic and author of *The Perfect Scent*

Coco Chanel An Intimate Life *Penguin* The controversial story of Chanel, the twentieth century's foremost fashion icon. Revolutionizing women's dress, Gabrielle "Coco" Chanel was the twentieth century's most influential designer. Her extraordinary and unconventional journey—from abject poverty to a new kind of glamour—helped forge the idea of modern woman. Unearthing an astonishing life, this remarkable biography shows how, more than any previous designer, Chanel became synonymous with a rebellious and progressive style. Her numerous liaisons, whose poignant and tragic details have eluded all previous biographers, were the very stuff of legend. Witty and mesmerizing, she became muse, patron, or mistress to the century's most celebrated artists, including Picasso, Dalí, and Stravinsky. Drawing on newly discovered love letters and other records, Chaney's controversial book reveals the truth about Chanel's drug habit and lesbian affairs. And the question about Chanel's German lover during World War II (was he a spy for the Nazis?) is definitively answered. While uniquely highlighting the designer's far-reaching influence on the modern arts, Chaney's fascinating biography paints a deeper and darker picture of Coco Chanel than any so far. Movingly, it explores the origins, the creative power, and the secret suffering of this exceptional and often misread woman. **Miss Dior A Story of Courage and Couture** (from the acclaimed author of *Coco Chanel*) *Faber & Faber* Miss Dior is a wartime story of freedom and fascism, beauty and betrayal and 'a gripping story' (Antonia Fraser). 'Exceptional . . . Miss Dior is so much more than a biography. It's about how necessity can drive people to either terrible deeds or acts of great courage, and how beauty can grow from the worst kinds of horror.' **DAILY TELEGRAPH** Miss Dior explores the relationship between the visionary designer Christian Dior and his beloved younger sister Catherine, who inspired his most famous perfume and shaped his vision of femininity. Justine Picardie's journey takes her to wartime Paris, where Christian honed his couture skills while Catherine dedicated herself to the French Resistance and the battle against the Nazis, until she was captured by the Gestapo and deported to the German concentration camp of Ravensbrück. Tracing the wartime paths of the Dior siblings leads Picardie deep into other hidden histories, and different forms of resistance and sisterhood. She discovers what it means to believe in beauty and hope, despite our knowledge of darkness and despair, and reveals the timeless solace of the natural world in the aftermath of devastation and destruction. 'Extraordinary . . . Picardie uses her investigative reporting skills . . . the result is Netflix-worthy and the pace page-turning . . . Catherine's story shines - the quiet Dior who preferred flowers to fashion, the unsung heroine who survived the abuse of the Third Reich to help liberate France.' **SUNDAY TIMES**

Coco Chanel Biography Book COCO CHANEL BOOK ON KINDLEThe brand Chanel is known and loved by people of all age groups since a very long time. Since the very inception of the brand, Chanel has been one of the most sought after fashion houses of the world, and is more or less like the leader in the fashion world. From established fashion designers to the girl next door who just likes to dress up her prettiest best, everyone has some or the other connection to Chanel. They all follow Chanel, learn from Chanel, and take inspiration from Chanel in a way or the other. Today, Chanel is not only a name that signifies class, perfection, style, elegance and divine, pure and elite fashion, but it is in fact the outcome of a fashion revolution started by Coco Chanel, the designer who changed the way fashion designers thought and executed their ideas. In 1957, Coco Chanel proved to be the queen of the fashion world when she became the recipient of the Neiman Marcus Fashion Award. Chanel's greatest creations are considered to be her classic Chanel 2.55 handbag and some fragrances and clothes which were her brainchildren. The Chanel 2.55 handbag revolutionized the way handbags were designed for women and Chanel was the first to propose the idea that handbags should be made in such a way that they free women's hands, and are comfortable to carry. Plus, the variety that she brought in with the different sizes meant that women of all kinds could carry these bags on all sorts of occasions, whether they are formal or casual. From its initial days to the present times, Chanel has come a long way, adding more and more feathers to its hat. A number of celebrities have been spotted over the years carrying Chanel bags or walking down the ramp for Chanel fashion shows. More celebrities have been part of the ad campaigns that have been brought out by Chanel for their clothes and fragrances.

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Mademoiselle Chanel A Novel *Harper Collins* For readers of *The Paris Wife* and *Z* comes this vivid novel full of drama, passion, tragedy, and beauty that stunningly imagines the life of iconic fashion designer Coco Chanel—the ambitious, gifted laundrywoman's daughter who revolutionized fashion, built an international empire, and become one of the most influential and controversial figures of the twentieth century. Born into rural poverty, Gabrielle Chanel and her siblings are sent to orphanage after their mother's death. The sisters nurture Gabrielle's exceptional sewing skills, a talent that will propel the willful young woman into a life far removed from the drudgery of her childhood. Transforming herself into Coco—a seamstress and sometime torch singer—the petite brunette burns with ambition, an incandescence that draws a wealthy gentleman who will become the love of her life. She immerses herself in his world of money and luxury, discovering a freedom that sparks her creativity. But it is only when her lover takes her to Paris that Coco discovers her destiny. Rejecting the frilly, corseted silhouette of the past, her sleek, minimalist styles reflect the youthful ease and confidence of the 1920s modern woman. As Coco's reputation spreads, her couturier business explodes, taking her into rarefied society circles and bohemian salons. But her fame and fortune cannot save her from heartbreak as the years pass. And when Paris falls to the Nazis, Coco is forced to make choices that will haunt her. An enthralling novel of an extraordinary woman who created the life she desired, *Mademoiselle Chanel* explores the inner world of a woman of staggering ambition whose strength, passion and artistic vision

would become her trademark. *The Real Coco Chanel* *White Owl* Coco Chanel lived her own life as a romantic heroine. Fueled by 19th century literature, she built a life which was partly myth and partly factual. She was the fashion designer everyone admired. The business woman whose fortune was impossible to track. She was also a performer, lover of many high profile intellectuals and, as believed by many, a Nazi spy. Her life was, extraordinarily, affected by history (the Nazi movement and World War II), symbolism and literature. This biography explores her life from her troubled and poor past to the opening of her first hat shop, passions and secrets; the biography also draws parallels between myths and facts and how, and if ever, they match at all. The biography also features chapters on the Chanel Maison and the creation of her iconic trademark as well as her 'little black dress' and 'Chanel No 5'. Finally, the biography ends with a reflection on how the myth of Coco Chanel is represented today in pop culture. *The Biography Book A Reader's Guide to Nonfiction, Fictional, and Film Biographies of More Than 500 of the Most Fascinating Individuals of All Time* *Greenwood Publishing Group* Contains alphabetically arranged entries that identify and assess the biographical materials available on over five hundred notable historical figures, listing autobiography and primary sources, recommended biographies and juvenile biographies, other biographical studies, biographical novels, fictional portraits, and biographical films and theatrical adaptations. *Culture Chanel The Woman Who Reads* *Harry N. Abrams* "The exhibition *The Woman Who Reads* has been presented in Venice at the Ca' Pesaro, International Gallery of Modern Art from September 17th, 2016 to January 8th, 2017"--Page 392. *The World of Coco Chanel Friends, Fashion, Fame* Gabrielle 'Coco' Chanel is an icon of fashion, and can lay claim to having invented the look of the 20th century. At the height of the Belle Epoque, she stripped women of their corsets and feathers, bobbed their hair, put them in bathing suits and sent them out to get tanned in the sun. She introduced the little black dress; trousers for women; costume jewelry; the exquisitely comfortable suit that became her trademark. Early in the Roaring Twenties, Chanel made the first ever couture perfume - No. 5 - presenting it in the famous little square-cut flagon that, inspired by Picasso and Cubism, became the arch symbol of the Art Deco style. No. 5 remains the most popular scent ever created. Chanel knew instinctively that the road to success lay in being absolutely at one with her own time. And what a time The era of Picasso, Diaghilev, Stravinsky, Cocteau, Jean Renoir, Visconti - all of whom 'Coco' knew and collaborated with, even as she matched their modernist innovations by liberating women from the prison of 19th-century fashion and creating a whole new concept of elegance. volume clearly shows, her life and accomplishment - even her chronic failure in love - constitute one of the great stories of the modern age. Her life is eminently suited to the lavish visual treatment of this handsome volume, which features more than 600 illustrations from an extraordinary collection amassed over the years by Edmonde Charles-Roux, Chanel's official biographer and close friend. An authoritative and practised writer, Charles-Roux has used careful research and vivid eyewitness accounts to set the pictures in their context of time and place. She makes Chanel live again *An Intimate Life Sex, Love, and My Journey as a Surrogate Partner* *Catapult* The real life behind Helen Hunt's Oscar-nominated performance in *The Sessions*: "A provocative and unusual book about a provocative and unusual profession" (Booklist). For the past forty years, Cheryl Cohen Greene has worked as a surrogate partner, helping clients to confront and ultimately accept their sexuality. In this riveting memoir, Cohen Greene shares some of her most moving cases, and also reveals her own sexual coming-of-age. Beginning with a rigid Catholic upbringing in the 1950s, where she was taught to think sex and sexual desires were unnatural and wrong, Cohen Greene struggled to reconcile her sexual identity. In the 1960s Sexual Revolution, Cohen Greene found herself drawn to alternative sexual paths, and ultimately achieved a rich and rewarding career as a surrogate partner. Sex surrogacy as a profession was first developed by noted sex researchers Masters and Johnson in the 1960s, and since its inception has remained in the shadows. *An Intimate Life* offers a candid look into the personal and professional life of a surrogate partner, examining the cultural and emotional ramifications of pursuing something most people consider taboo. The memoir opens with Cohen Greene's work with Berkeley-based poet and journalist Mark O'Brien, who was confined to an iron lung after contracting polio at age six. His short essay "On Seeing A Sex Surrogate" was adapted into the film *The Sessions* starring John Hawkes and Helen Hunt as Cheryl T. Cohen Greene. *Coco at the Ritz A Novel* *Simon and Schuster* A riveting and prismatic novel of the eternally enigmatic Coco Chanel in the aftermath of World War II. Though her name is synonymous with elegance and chic, the iconic Coco Chanel had a complicated dark side, and in late August 1944, as World War II drew to a close, she was arrested and interrogated on charges of treason to France. Many of the facts are lost to history, partly through Chanel's own obfuscation, but this much is known: the charges grew out of her war-time romance with a German spy, and one morning two soldiers from the French Forces of the Interior—the loose band of Resistance fighters, soldiers and private citizens who took up arms in the wake of the Liberation of Paris—led Chanel from her suite at the Ritz Hotel in Paris to an undisclosed location for questioning. What transpired during her interrogation, who was present, and why she was set free when so many other women who'd been involved with German men (willingly or otherwise) had their heads shaved or were imprisoned, remains a mystery. In this brilliantly insightful and compulsively readable novel from the author of *I am Madame X*, Gioia Diliberto explores the motivations of this complex woman and portrays the gripping battle of wits that could have been her interrogation. Was Chanel truly a collaborator? Though the Occupation of France offered a stark contrast between good and evil, few people are wholly heroes or villains in wartime. Most citizens, as the writer André Gide noted, were like old shoes floating in murky waters: battered and torn, riding the turbulent flow, just trying to survive. By turns raw and vulnerable, steely and flawed, Chanel emerges from these pages as a woman who owns her decisions, no matter the consequences. Rich with history and filled with emotional truths, *Coco at the Ritz* is a story about the choices one woman made when the stakes were the highest. In today's world, it is a cautionary tale about the necessity of standing against evil when it stares you in the face. *Coco Chanel The Queen of Haute Couture* *50Minutes.com* Keen to learn but short on time? Get to grips with the life and career of Coco

Chanel in next to no time with this concise guide. 50Minutes.com provides a clear and engaging analysis of the work of the iconic French fashion designer Coco Chanel. Chanel entered the fashion world at a time when most designers were men and womenswear was impractical and restrictive, but before long women across France were clamouring to get their hands on her comfortable yet elegant designs, which made use of looser cuts, removing the need for corsets, and new fabrics such as jersey. She also branched out into jewellery design, cosmetics and perfume, allowing her to fund her haute couture collections and paving the way for the business model of modern fashion brands. As an independent woman, innovative designer and brilliant entrepreneur, Coco Chanel changed the world of fashion forever. In just 50 minutes you will:

- Find out about the young Gabrielle Chanel's tireless efforts to work her way out of the poverty she was born into
- Discover her greatest successes as a designer and the head of her own fashion empire, including her many stores and the launch of her Chanel No. 5 perfume
- Learn about her darker moments, namely her collaboration with the Nazis, and her return to fashion later in life

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