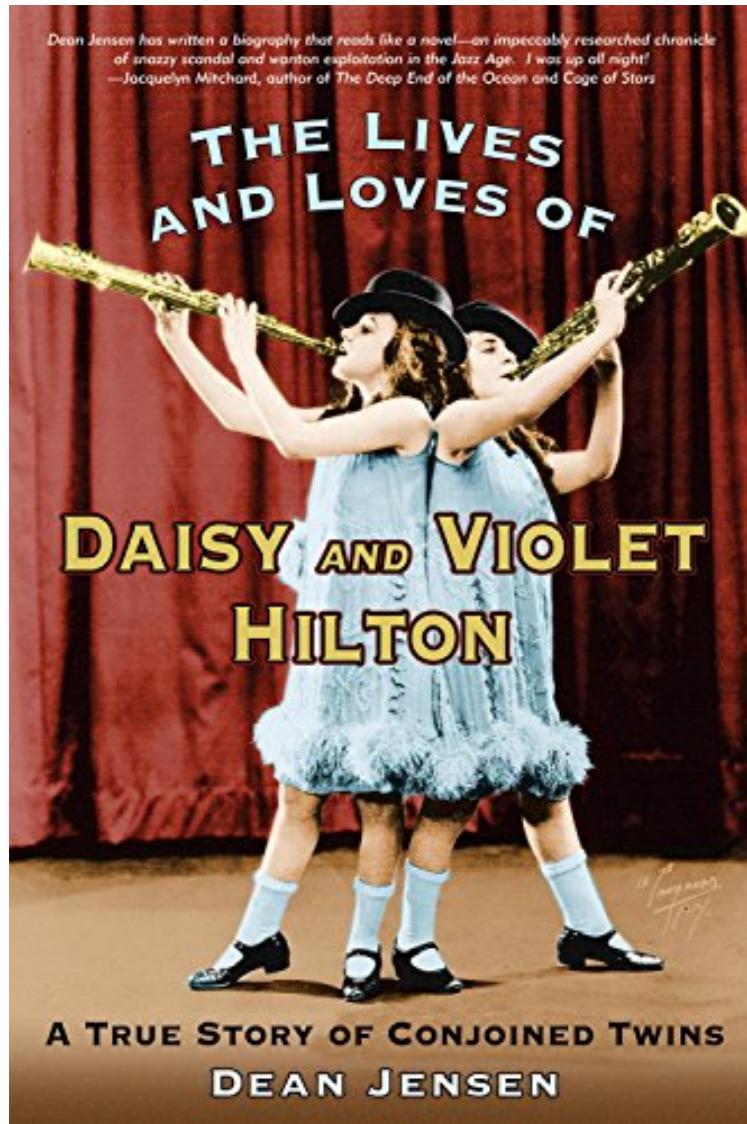


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Dean Jensen : The Lives and Loves of Daisy and Violet Hilton: A True Story of Conjoined Twins before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Lives and Loves of Daisy and Violet Hilton: A True Story of Conjoined Twins:

7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. A very interesting book of facts. By Lisa H. This was an incredibly researched book about the lives of Daisy and Violet. It's filled with so many facts that it was a very interesting read. It kind of made me sad when I finished it though, because after all that reading I didn't really feel like I got to know the

actual women very well. The book takes you through their lives in show business and then their struggles living outside of the business but I didn't come away with a real take on these women and who they were as individuals. This book left me wanting to know so much more about the Hilton sisters and their personal struggles and feelings.² of 2 people found the following review helpful. An interesting, admirably non-salacious look at a fascinating pairBy Ga303Two things come to mind here: One, that in 2016 we can't truly comprehend what a Big Deal the Hilton sisters were in their day, nor do we have much understanding now of the vaudeville craze that birthed their fame. And Two, that the author is to be commended for remaining a student of biography and not stooping to some of the sleazy directions this book could have taken.I found this a fascinating, absorbing and ultimately tragic assessment of two women who were exploited practically from birth, as well as an insightful and colorful dive into the times in which they lived.I thoroughly enjoyed the book, but as some readers have already suggested, felt that I never knew Daisy or Violet as individuals. The author goes to great pains to make sure the reader knows they were two very different women -- which indeed, obviously, they were -- without really telling us who either of them was outside being individual halves of "the girls," "the sisters," or "the twins." This perhaps is a disservice.I'm a huge history buff, and a great lover of biographies, and over the course of that predilection have read scores of human stories, including a couple of books on Eng and Chang Bunker. In some of the Bunker biographies, I felt that I came away with more insights into what it really might be like to go through life literally attached to another human being, especially in an era in which separation was not possible. (And even today is often not possible, depending on the physiology of the connection.) I didn't feel the same emphasis on the individuals here, and found myself wanting to know much more about these women beyond who chose to be blonde and who chose to be brunette.Other than that somewhat empty frustration, I found this a very enjoyable read.An excellent companion to this book is the documentary "Bound by Flesh," another insightful and well-researched biography of Daisy and Violet.⁰ of 0 people found the following review helpful. Happiness Despair for Conjoined TwinsBy Dianne Kemerly McMahanI gave this an excellent rating, as the memoir by Dean Jensen was a book,that totally captured my attention.The memoir is about twin sisters Violet Daisy that are joined at the hip.(no pun intended) were born in 1908,where the occurrence of such a birth was considered the devil's work.Their natural mother,denied them,but they persevered to become the talented darlings of their era.They traveled from place to place entertained for more than five decades.Try this book for yourself,it won't let you down will keep you enthralled to the end.

The lives and loves of Daisy and Violet Hilton follows the poignant life story of twin sisters who were literally joined at the hip, set against the tumultuous backdrop of America during the first half of the 20th century. Daisy and Violet and an unforgettable cast of show-business characters come alive on the pages of this carefully researched and sensitively written biography.Reviews"Jensen's book is a testament to the fickleness of the entertainment world."- Tampa Bay Tribune"It is an affecting story, gently and honestly told without frills, without sensation. In Jensen's hands, the twins are always human, individuals, never freaks joined at the hips as the world saw them after their birth in 1908. . . Here, their story is pure."-Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

From the Publisherbull; The true rags-to-riches-to-rags tale of conjoined twinsmdash; their journey from freak-show notoriety to vaudeville stardom to movie celebrity, and their heart-wrenching descent back into poverty. bull; A richly detailed account of the romantic adventures of these attractive and accomplished young women who were at the epicenter of one of the most celebrated sex scandals of 1930. bull; Chronicles the hurly-burly history of American entertainment from the turn of the 20th century through the 1950s. bull; Illustrated throughout with rare black-and-white photographs.About the AuthorDEAN JENSEN is a former journalist who owns and manages an art gallery in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.