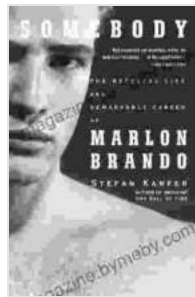


# Somebody Stefan Kanfer: Unveiling the Enigmatic Kingmaker of Hollywood

In the gilded halls of Hollywood's Golden Age, amidst the glamour and intrigue, there was a man whose influence extended far beyond the silver screen. Lew Wasserman, the enigmatic impresario, was the undisputed kingmaker, shaping the destinies of countless stars and shaping the entertainment industry as we know it.



## Somebody by Stefan Kanfer

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Now, in his captivating biography, "Somebody: The Reckless Life and Remarkable Career of Lew Wasserman, Hollywood's Most Influential Agent," acclaimed author Stefan Kanfer unveils the extraordinary life of this enigmatic figure.

## From Humble Beginnings to Hollywood Royalty



Wasserman's journey began in a modest Cleveland home, where his parents instilled in him a relentless work ethic. From his early days as a talent scout for MCA, he displayed an uncanny knack for recognizing talent and ruthlessly pursuing his goals.

Over the years, Wasserman's influence grew exponentially. As the head of MCA, he became the gatekeeper to Hollywood's golden gates, controlling

the careers of some of the biggest stars of the era, including Marilyn Monroe, Cary Grant, and James Stewart.

### **The Power Broker Behind the Scenes**



Beyond his role as an agent, Wasserman was a shrewd businessman and savvy power broker. He navigated the treacherous terrain of Hollywood

politics with ease, forging alliances and eliminating rivals to maintain his dominance.

Wasserman's influence extended beyond the entertainment industry. He became a confidante of presidents, a trusted advisor to studio heads, and a pillar of the Hollywood community. His wealth and connections made him one of the most powerful men in the country.

### **A Private Life Shrouded in Secrecy**



Despite his public persona, Wasserman's private life remained shrouded in secrecy. He guarded his reputation fiercely, carefully crafting an image of charm and invincibility.

However, behind the facade, Kanfer reveals a complex and often troubled man. Wasserman struggled with personal demons, including alcoholism and a volatile temper. His relationships with his family and close associates were often strained.

## **The Legacy of a Hollywood Legend**

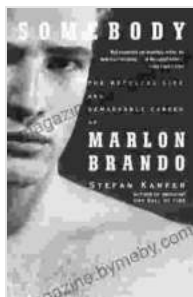


Lew Wasserman passed away in 2002, leaving behind a legacy that continues to shape the entertainment industry. His ruthlessness and ambition may have been controversial, but there is no denying his profound impact on Hollywood's Golden Age.

In "Somebody," Stefan Kanfer paints a vivid portrait of this enigmatic figure, capturing the glamour, the scandals, and the enduring legacy of Lew Wasserman. It is a must-read for anyone interested in the history of Hollywood and the stories of the extraordinary individuals who shaped it.

Stefan Kanfer's "Somebody" is a mesmerizing biography that delves into the life and career of Lew Wasserman, one of the most powerful and enigmatic figures in Hollywood history. Through meticulous research and intimate anecdotes, Kanfer unravels the secrets and complexities of this legendary impresario, revealing the man behind the myth.

Whether you are a film enthusiast, a history buff, or simply fascinated by the human drama that played out behind the silver screen, "Somebody" is a captivating read that will leave you enthralled from beginning to end.



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