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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

Celebrity-watchers keep tabloids in business hoping to catch a glimpse of the "real" side of favorite movie stars. This scattershot memoir by Dean Martin's youngest son proves that sometimes the image on the screen is a lot more colorful than the father who comes home and enjoys a slice of bread before dinner. Martin's affectionate, innocuous and slightly dull book of memories will be a treat only for true Dino fans, affording them an intimate look at the performer at home. The anecdotes have an "I guess you had to be there" flavor ("One of Dad's favorite jokes, which he would pull when we went out to dinner, was to be having a conversation and absent-mindedly butter his big hands as if they were pieces of bread") that should appeal to those who enjoy the humor in *Reader's Digest*. The younger Martin's focus is strictly Dino-as-Dad, with very few peeks into his father's work on screen or in the recording studio. Life at 601 Mountain Drive was pretty idyllic, with parents who didn't mind their kids shooting guns inside the house and who were blasé, when older son Dean Paul bought a tank. The latter part of the book is sparked to life by a too-close-for-comfort association with Charles Manson and the tragic fatal plane crash of Dean Paul, which precipitated Dino's health deterioration. More than 100 b&w photos. (Feb.)
Forecast: Those looking for a companion to Nick Tosches's definitive *Dino: High Living in the Dirty Business of Dreams* (1992) won't find much juice here.

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Review

I love this book...First part choked me up. (Regis Philbin)

I cried, I laughed as I read the real story of Deano-the-Dad recorded so lovingly by his son Ricci; a heart-warming legend. (Phyllis Diller)

This book is too good. (Tony Curtis)

The book brought back wonderful memories of those magical happy times; well done. (Janet Leigh)

Martin sang, danced, and joked his way past the Dean Martin/Jerry Lewis routine into the Rat Pack and starring roles in a number of movies. His son reminisces about their home life and his father's career in this illustrated memoir. (*Richmond Times-Dispatch*)

Ricci Martin invites readers into his Beverly Hills childhood home... (*Los Angeles Times*)

...a warm, affectionate portrait of the popular performer... (*The Orange County Register*)

Ricci, an entertainer himself, chronicles life at home in *That's Amore: A Son Remembers Dean Martin*. The book reveals the true Martin: the Beverly Hills family man. (*Tv Guide*)

The son of the Rat Pack's most mysterious member creates a complete, honest portrait of his father, bringing to life his childhood and revealing the trials, tribulations, and exploits that colored the life of this legend. (*The Lima News*)

...proves that sometimes the image on the screen is a lot more colorful than the father who comes home and enjoys a slice of bread before dinner ... an intimate look at the performer at home. (*Publishers Weekly*)

"That's Amore" reveals the triumphs, tragedies and escapades that colored Ricci's childhood. (*Cedar City Daily News*)

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