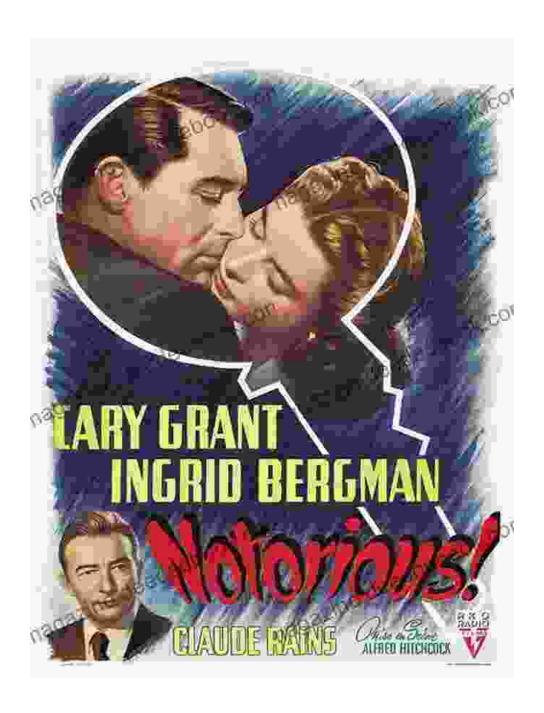
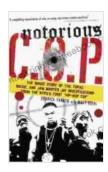
## **Notorious: The Rise and Fall of the World's Most Infamous Celebrity**



Notorious is a 1946 American film noir directed by Alfred Hitchcock and starring Cary Grant, Ingrid Bergman, and Claude Rains. The film tells the story of Alicia Huberman (Bergman), the daughter of a convicted Nazi spy,

who is recruited by American intelligence to infiltrate a Nazi ring in Brazil. She is paired with Devlin (Grant), an American intelligence agent, and the two fall in love. However, Alicia's past comes back to haunt her, and she is eventually forced to choose between her love for Devlin and her duty to her country.



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Notorious is considered to be one of Hitchcock's greatest films, and it has been praised for its suspenseful plot, stylish visuals, and memorable performances. The film was nominated for six Academy Awards, including Best Picture, Best Director, and Best Actress for Bergman. It won the Academy Award for Best Original Screenplay.

The film was inspired by the real-life case of Mata Hari, a Dutch exotic dancer who was executed for espionage during World War I. Hitchcock was fascinated by Mata Hari's story, and he saw it as a perfect opportunity to explore the themes of love, betrayal, and patriotism.

Notorious was a critical and commercial success. It was one of the highest-grossing films of 1946, and it received rave reviews from critics. The film has since been ranked as one of the greatest films of all time by the American Film Institute.

#### **Plot**

Alicia Huberman is the daughter of a convicted Nazi spy. After her father's death, Alicia is approached by American intelligence and asked to help them infiltrate a Nazi ring in Brazil. Alicia agrees, and she is paired with Devlin, an American intelligence agent. The two travel to Brazil and begin their investigation. Alicia quickly gains the trust of the Nazi leader, Alexander Sebastian (Rains), and she soon learns that he is planning to sabotage the Allied war effort. Alicia reports back to Devlin, and the two of them work together to stop Sebastian's plans.

However, Alicia's past comes back to haunt her. Sebastian learns that Alicia's father was a Nazi spy, and he uses this information to blackmail her. Alicia is forced to choose between her love for Devlin and her duty to her country. In the end, Alicia chooses her country, and she helps Devlin to stop Sebastian's plans.

#### Cast

- Cary Grant as Devlin
- Ingrid Bergman as Alicia Huberman
- Claude Rains as Alexander Sebastian
- Leopoldine Konstantin as Madame Anna Sebastian
- Louis Calhern as Captain Paul Prescott

- Moroni Olsen as Dr. Anderson
- Reinhold Schünzel as Emil Hupka

#### **Themes**

Notorious is a complex film that explores a variety of themes, including love, betrayal, and patriotism. The film also examines the role of women in society and the dangers of fascism.

One of the central themes of the film is love. Alicia and Devlin fall in love despite their different backgrounds and loyalties. Their love is tested by Alicia's past and by the dangers of their mission. In the end, their love is strong enough to overcome all obstacles.

Another important theme in the film is betrayal. Alicia is betrayed by her father, by Sebastian, and by her own country. She is forced to make difficult choices that test her loyalty and her sense of self. In the end, Alicia chooses her country, but she is still haunted by the betrayal of those she loved.

Finally, the film also explores the theme of patriotism. Alicia is torn between her love for Devlin and her duty to her country. She ultimately chooses her country, but she does so at great personal cost. The film suggests that patriotism is a complex and often difficult emotion.

#### **Critical reception**

Notorious received rave reviews from critics upon its release. The film was praised for its suspenseful plot, stylish visuals, and memorable performances. The New York Times called the film "a masterpiece of suspense" and "one of the best films of the year." Variety called the film "a

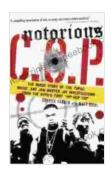
taut, exciting thriller" and "a must-see for fans of Hitchcock." The Hollywood Reporter called the film "a classic Hitchcock thriller" and "a must-see for any film lover."

Notorious has since been ranked as one of the greatest films of all time by the American Film Institute. The film is ranked #39 on AFI's list of the 100 Greatest American Films and #9 on AFI's list of the 100 Greatest American Thrillers.

#### Legacy

Notorious is considered to be one of Hitchcock's greatest films, and it has had a lasting impact on cinema. The film's suspenseful plot, stylish visuals, and memorable performances have made it a classic of film noir. Notorious has also been influential in the development of the spy thriller genre. The film's complex and morally ambiguous characters have also made it a favorite of film scholars and critics.

Notorious has been remade several times, including a 1999 version starring George Clooney and Cate Blanchett. The film has also been adapted into a stage play and a television series. Notorious remains a popular and influential film today, and it is considered to be one of the greatest films of all time.



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