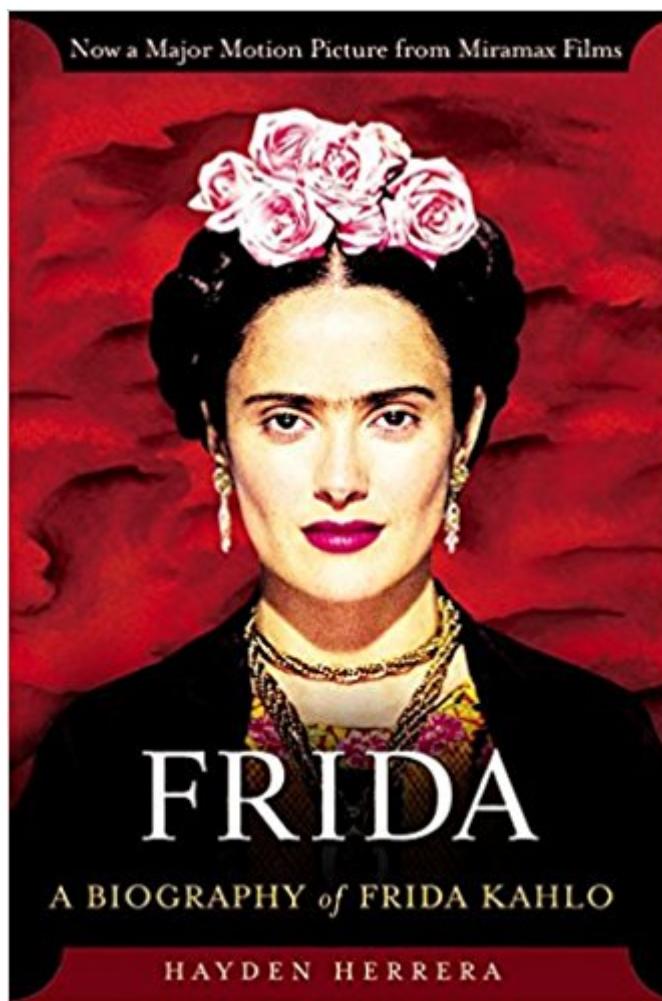


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Frida: A Biography Of Frida Kahlo



Synopsis

Hailed by readers and critics across the country, this engrossing biography of Mexican painter Frida Kahlo reveals a woman of extreme magnetism and originality, an artist whose sensual vibrancy came straight from her own experiences: her childhood near Mexico City during the Mexican Revolution; a devastating accident at age eighteen that left her crippled and unable to bear children; her tempestuous marriage to muralist Diego Rivera and intermittent love affairs with men as diverse as Isamu Noguchi and Leon Trotsky; her association with the Communist Party; her absorption in Mexican folklore and culture; and her dramatic love of spectacle. Here is the tumultuous life of an extraordinary twentieth-century woman -- with illustrations as rich and haunting as her legend.

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Customer Reviews

"A haunting, highly vivid biography." (Ms. magazine)

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One of my most favorite books of all time. I bought this because my sister saw her exhibit somewhere. It peaked my interest and this story, this womans life is extraordinary. From beginning to end it thoroughly kept my attention. Her art her life story is both compelling and heartbreaking. You may not like her art but you have to read to understand where her art comes from. the pain she loves and her need to paint Wonderful. I only wish it had been on Kindle but I have admit I enjoyed turning real pages and placing this book among my treasured reads. You will love this book and its History of a Fragile womans life, loves and art.

A terrific read. What a story...what a life!

I thought this was a well-researched book on Frida Kahlo's life. I always thought her paintings were beautiful and Herrera is adept at tying Kahlo's real life sufferings to her paintings. She also unravels the symbolism in Kahlo's paintings by looking at events, people, and ideologies in her life. Frida Kahlo's paintings are extraordinary and I am sure she will live on.

Fascinating story of a unique woman and her passion for painting, life and her womanizing husband. Her unique, symbolic and colourful paintings not only conveyed her inner thoughts and feelings, but also the events in her 47 year lifetime. This book is very detailed biography of a great woman. Her accident at 18 leaves her with permanent scars and pains that pledged her for the rest of her life, but this disability continued to ignite her passion for life and painting. She once said that she was not a surrealist as she never painted dreams but her own reality. After reading this made me realise that the Frida movie with Selma Hayek was just the tip of the iceberg into the life of Kahlo and who she was. Highly recommended to those who wish to know more about this intelligent and complex woman.

Frida Kahlo captured my heart and commanded my respect with her bravery and intelligence . You get the sense Hayden Herrera has her finger on Frida Kahlo's pulse.

One of the best biographies I have read. Presents an accurate portrayal of Kahlo. Would like to have seen more done w. Impact of opiates, which she took for the duration, on what she rendered in her art.

This is a truly well-written biography that both illuminates Frida Kahlo's life and art. A must read if

you love this artist.

I LOOOVE THIS BOOK! I read the whole thing and its by far the best biography of Frida... i had this book several years back and it suffered water damage.. so glad i bought it again :)

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