



Cows kept on island
for her milk baths

Jackie portrayed as a nail-biting champagne addict

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PARIS — Written in the best "what-the-butler-saw" tradition, a new book tells everything you ever wanted to know, and perhaps more, about Jackie Onassis.

Christian Cafarakis, who was the steward aboard Aristotle Onassis' luxury yacht Christina, has written *The Fabulous Jackie Onassis* as a sequel to an earlier volume called *The Fabulous Onassis*.

And readers will be delighted to know a sequel to the sequel is indicated in the final pages of the present 190-page book.

It will concern the love affair and hinted marriage between Alexander Onassis and Caroline Kennedy, a Romeo and Juliet story if there ever was one, since Caroline is only 14. Alexander, Ari's son by his first marriage to Tina Livanos, is a long-in-the-tooth 22.

But it is only fair to note that Cafarakis' more surprising revelations could be taken with a grain of salt.

A few oversights

Perhaps fixations on accuracy of easily verifiable facts is pure nit-picking, but the late President John Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas, not Houston as Cafarakis writes. The jewelers Onassis is said to do much business with are called Van Cleef and Arpels, not Van Clift and Arpels. And Onassis' former wife, Tina, was married to the then Marquis of Blandford, not the Duke of Blandford.

For those untroubled by such oversights, the current book reveals Jackie as a nail-biting tightwad when it comes to running her own household,

\$10 dollars a day for family food and help, but a spendthrift when ladling out her husband's seemingly limitless funds.

After all, it's not your average Greek millionaire who the week before his marriage spends \$780,000 in jewelry at Zolotas' shop in Athens in just one hour.

Nor is it just anyone who in the previous two years showered his future wife with \$600,000 worth of jewelry, including 7 watches, 18 necklaces, 23 bracelets, 17 broaches and more than 20 rings.

It will come as no shock therefore to learn that while on the Onassis private island of Skorpios, in the Ionian sea northwest of Greece, three cows are maintained to provide milk baths for Jackie.

Sheets too prickly

Or that 24 hours a day she always has her favorite bottle of pink champagne within arm's reach. A special ice bucket is kept outside her door at night and she even sips it when tending her vegetable patch on Skorpios.

Despite these attentions, Aristotle, now 61, in the early days of their marriage was a much-put-upon man. Jackie, 20 years his junior, is an early riser. Ari, as he is called by friends, rarely gets up before noon.

Moreover, his French sheets were so prickly to the touch of his spouse that she ordered American ones.

As a matter of record, Jackie is said to travel everywhere with a special suitcase of sheets and to instruct her maids to change them daily, and even twice daily if she takes a nap.

She is decidedly finicky about animals. She once forced Ari to get rid of

the canary collection he kept in his Avenue Foch, Paris, apartment because to her mind the birds were carriers of tuberculosis.

On the other hand, Jackie tried, unsuccessfully, to get Ari to buy a mink saddle blanket for daughter Caroline's wooden hobby horse, a gift of the Soviet government dating from her White House days.

She's also got a thing about cut flowers because of the funerals of her former husband and brother-in-law and prefers potted violets and lilies of the valley.

According to Cafarakis' book Jackie has a medicine chest full of bottles for beauty products, pink pills to go to sleep, white ones to wake up, green for blood circulation, yellow for the liver and a series of bottles for every imaginable vitamin.

Her maid is said to have calculated she swallows no less than 30 pills a day.

Jackie also has six wigs from Alexandre, the top Paris hairdresser, because she feels her own locks are too thin.

The contractual arrangements between Ari and Jackie cover not only their lifetimes, but those of their children.

Indeed, Ari is obliged to finance John-John's political expenses since, Cafarakis says, the 11-year-old wants to become U.S. president and Ari considers him and his older sister Caroline "America's children."

Their future is covered by a \$5,000 a month allowance. As for Jackie, she will inherit \$100 million on Ari's death. The contract guarantees her \$10 million for every year of marriage were Ari to want a divorce.

If she wants out, she'll get a flat \$20 million plus \$180,000 for 10 years.

Cafarakis says in the first three months of marriage Jackie spent \$30,000 on clothes alone and \$21,000 on doctors, medicines, beauty products, masseurs and hairdressers.

At the end of the first year she had spent \$580,000, Cafarakis claims.

Special investigation

Also their contract does not simply cover matters in this world. Thanks to a process described as "cryogenisation," the couple when they die will be

frozen by being put in a lead casket filled with liquid nitrogen, in the hope of being brought back to life later.

On the subject of state secrets, Cafarakis discloses that Ari financed a 19-month investigation by private detectives into the death of President Kennedy shortly after his assassination.

In 27 pages, the report is said to conclude that the official, Warren Commission into the killing was a whitewash, and to reveal the names of Kennedy's assassins.

It does come, however, as something of a let-down to learn from Cafarakis that Ari didn't really intend to marry Jackie at all. In fact, to believe Cafarakis, he was all set to remarry his first wife Tina, after having decided against opera singer Maria Callas.

Cafarakis writes that Ari felt Jackie was not the kind of woman you could keep as a mistress. His male honor said he could not turn back. Jackie became his wife in October, 1968.

Tina, it seems, was less upset than Alexander who was most rude to Jackie until he got interested in Caroline, apparently betraying an old Onassis penchant, since Ari married Tina when she was only 16.

Ari now has had to put up with Jackie firing members of his staff and rooting out any trace of Maria Callas, who decorated the Skorpios home.

Still, Ari has not been completely subdued by Jackie. He still goes out alone to hear his favorite Bouzouki players in Athen's clubs at night, or to drop in at Castel's or Regine's when in Paris.

And to how he always remains faithful in his fashion, just a little more than a year after marrying Jackie, he decided to spend Christmas with her and New Year's Day with Maria Callas. And did.

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