

The \$20,000,000 Honey- moon

Jackie and Ari's First Year

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PULITZER PRIZE-WINNING JOURNALIST



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This is undoubtedly one of the most incredible stories ever told... the story of the courtship and marriage of Jacqueline Bouvier Kennedy and Aristotle Onassis who, in the space of one short year, went through the astronomical sum of \$20,000,000.

With the help of some well-placed friends, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Fred Sparks follows Jackie and Ari through every week of their first golden year — where they went, whom they entertained, who entertained them — the entire background for honeymooning in a style that mere mortals could not even dream of, let alone emulate.

Here are the fascinating details of where all the money went — the maintenance of the yacht *Christina* and its staff and crew of 67, the construction of a new villa on Skorprios, the complete redecoration of the villa at Glyfada (formerly painted and papered by Maria Callas), the care and feeding of 135 servants who keep eight residences in "ready-to-occupy-at-a-moment's-notice"

order. And then there are Jackie's clothes and furs and her jewels (a cool five million worth of baubles the first year), not to mention entertaining in a style that would make Croesus green with envy.

But, as intriguing as these spending sprees are, they are only a part of *The \$20,000,000 Honeymoon*. There's much, much more about what went on before, during, and after the marriage of the century...


- Jackie's 1963 cruise on the yacht *Christina*, which JFK couldn't stop
- Lee Radziwill's friendship with Ari
- The truth about Jackie and Lord Harlech
- How Robert Kennedy reacted to the idea of Jackie and Ari's romance
- How the rest of the Kennedy clan reacted (including that unforgettable visit from Joan and Ethel)
- Ari's pre-marital pledge to Jackie, which he almost never breaks
- The wedding on Skorprios: Beautiful, bountiful and, as one guest put it, "bloody barbaric"
- Jackie's days as unwilling First Lady
- How Jackie really got along with the Kennedys
- Jackie's rivalries with her sister Lee
- Ari's troubles with the U.S. Government (including details of his \$7,000,000 fine)
- What you must know about jet-set marriage, morals and money to understand the Jackie-Ari union
- Diamonds — and bad poetry — for breakfast
- Why Coco Chanel called Jackie's taste in clothes "horrible"
- The true legend of Aristotle Onassis — as distinguished from the popular legend
- Ari's way with women, all women
- Why the fiery Miss Callas keeps burning
- The mysterious first Mrs. Onassis
- Ari & Jackie & Rainier & Grace
- Ari: the man who brought Garbo out of her shell
- Skorprios — "The Ionian Hyannis Port"
- JFK and the battle of the budget (Jackie's)
- Jackie's escorts: "Very married, or very old, or very queer"
- The Golden Greeks and their women
- The jet set swimming pool game: Take several very pretty girls and several handsome young men and buy their swimming suits right off them
- One week on the town with Jackie and Ari — what they do, where they do it, what they spend
- What Jackie does at parties that infuriates other women
- Ari's special relationship with Churchill
- Jackie and "I Am Curious (Yellow)"
- Jackie's troubles with Ari's children, especially playboy Alexander
- Why Joe Sr. was, in many ways, Jackie's favorite Kennedy

Add it all up and you have one of the most glamorous and irresistibly gossipy books ever written.

Library Journal says, "The facts are sensational but never vulgar. The anecdotes are often amusing, and the reader comes away with some understanding of why Jackie married Ari, the kind of person each is, and what life in the jet set is like... A bestseller!"

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