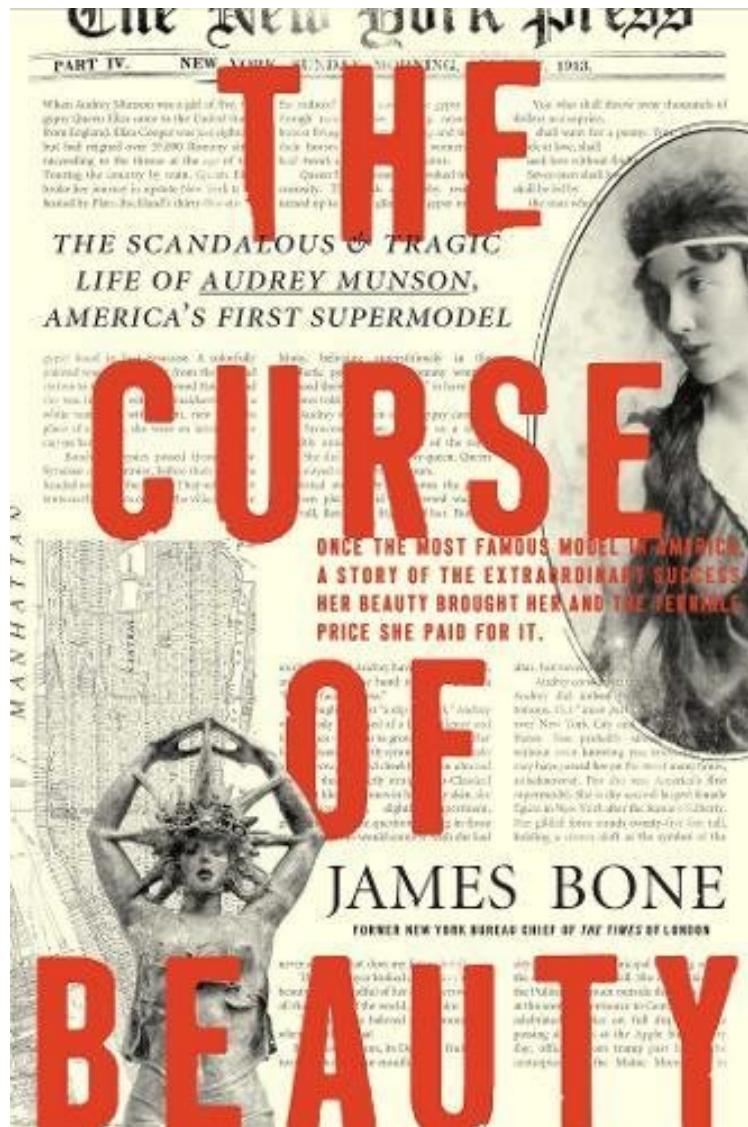


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Hitchcock "The Curse of Beauty" is, perhaps, the best written and best researched biography I have ever read. It's so amazing that Audrey Munson has not been much better remembered. Mr. Bone's book makes Ms Munson a person that comes to life in the pages of this book. You'll never find a better example of a memory living through literature. How compelling is this book? I found it compelling enough to actually seek out, and visit her final resting place. I found it exactly as it is depicted in the book. She was a most amazing celebrity of her era. Through a brief conversation with a local historian, I learned that a better (and corrected) grave marker and road-side historical marker are due to be dedicated on June 8, 2016. That would mark the anniversary her 125th birthday. Personally, I will return on that date to pay respects. This book is truly a powerful testimony to a celebrated but tortured soul. 48 of 49 people found the following review helpful. Fascinating. By jbl I was drawn to this book by an article in the New Yorker magazine. History, early 20th century history fascinates me, so I bought it. Glad I did. It was a bit of a slow start, but once into Audrey Munson's story, I could not stop reading! Well researched and well written, I recommend it highly. 13 of 13 people found the following review helpful. Read and Great Book. By BJB James Bone has done a superb job by thoroughly investigating and telling Audrey's story. I have been researching Audrey for over ten years. After reading the book I have learned new info I have never known, Definitely a must read

The tumultuous and heartbreaking life of a world-famous model whose riveting story of beauty, fame, passion, murder, and madness in the Gilded Age captivated a nation. As America was stepping into the modern era, one great beauty became the artists model of choice. Her perfect form became the emblem of the Gilded Age and appears on the greatest monuments of New York and the nation. Supermodel, actress, icon her beauty paved the way for a life of glamour, passion, and ultimately tragedy. She dated the millionaires of the fashionable Newport colony, became the first American movie star ever to appear naked in a film, but her promising film career collapsed, her doctor fell in love with her and killed his own wife, and on her fortieth birthday, her mother committed her to an insane asylum. She remained there until her death in 1996 at the age of 104 and is now buried in an unmarked grave. Her name is Audrey Munson. Many readers will recognize Audrey Munson, and have walked by her in the street, without even knowing her name. She stands atop New York's Municipal Building. She sits as Miss Manhattan and Miss Brooklyn outside the Brooklyn Museum, is immortalized on the Manhattan Bridge, the Frick Mansion, the New York Public Library, and the Pulitzer Fountain outside the Plaza Hotel. In gold, bronze, and stone, she still graces bridges, skyscrapers, fountains, churches, monuments, and public buildings across the nation, from Jacksonville to San Francisco, from Atlanta to the Wisconsin state capitol. From James Bone, the former New York Bureau Chief of The Times of London, this brilliantly reported investigative biography reveals, for the first time, the riveting truth of the forgotten life of an iconic beauty.