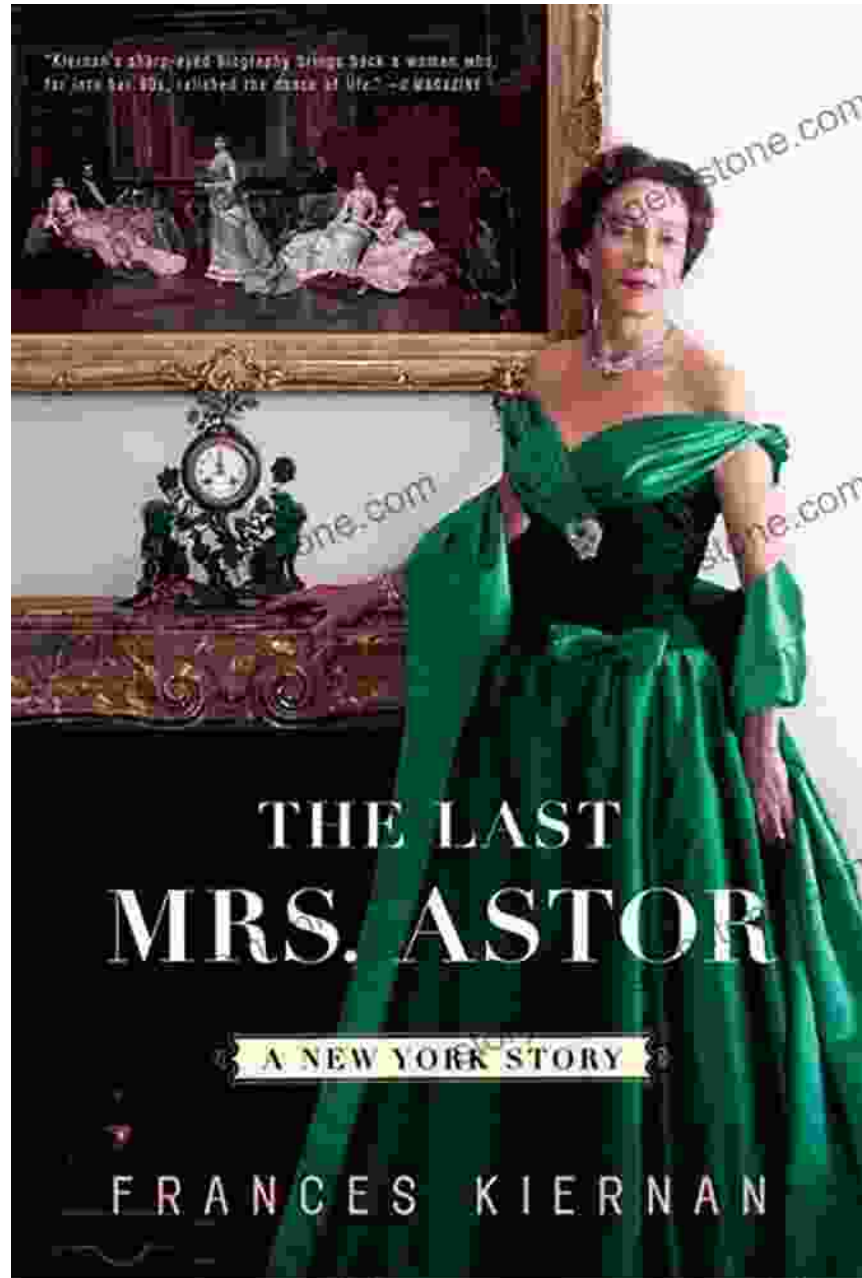


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Brooke Astor was the last of the Astor dynasty, a family that had been prominent in New York society for over a century. She was born in 1902 to John Jacob Astor IV and Ava Willing Astor. Her father was a wealthy businessman and her mother was a socialite. Brooke Astor grew up in a world of privilege and luxury. She attended the Chapin School and Miss Porter's School, and made her debut into society in 1922. She was known for her beauty, her intelligence, and her charm.

In 1928, Brooke Astor married Vincent Astor, the son of John Jacob Astor III. The couple had two children, Anthony and Phyllis. Vincent Astor was a wealthy businessman and a collector of art. He was also a patron of the arts and a philanthropist. Brooke Astor and Vincent Astor were married for 31 years until Vincent's death in 1959.

After Vincent's death, Brooke Astor continued to be a prominent figure in New York society. She was a close friend of Jackie Kennedy and was a member of the board of directors of the Metropolitan Museum of Art. She was also a generous philanthropist, donating millions of dollars to various charities.

In 1975, Brooke Astor married Anthony Marshall, a diplomat and a former chief of protocol for the United States. The couple was married for 22 years until Marshall's death in 1997. Brooke Astor continued to be a prominent figure in New York society until her death in 2007 at the age of 105.

Brooke Astor was the last of the Astor dynasty, but her legacy continues today. She was a generous philanthropist, a dedicated supporter of the arts, and a beloved member of New York society. She was a woman of great style and substance, and she will be remembered for her many contributions to the city she loved.

The End of an Era

The death of Brooke Astor marked the end of an era in New York society. She was the last of the great socialites who had reigned over the city for decades. Her death signaled the end of a way of life that was characterized by wealth, privilege, and style.

The Astor dynasty had been a major force in New York society for over a century. John Jacob Astor IV, Brooke Astor's father, was one of the richest men in the world. He was a prominent businessman and a philanthropist. He built the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel and founded the Astor Library. Brooke Astor's mother, Ava Willing Astor, was a socialite and a fashion icon. She was known for her beauty and her elegance. She was a close friend of Edith Wharton and Henry James.

Brooke Astor inherited her parents' wealth and social position. She was a prominent figure in New York society for over 80 years. She was a close friend of Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis and was a member of the board of

directors of the Metropolitan Museum of Art. She was also a generous philanthropist, donating millions of dollars to various charities.

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Legacy

Brooke Astor's legacy is a mixed one. She was a generous philanthropist, a dedicated supporter of the arts, and a beloved member of New York society. However, she was also a complex and controversial figure. She was accused of being cold and calculating, and of putting her own interests ahead of others.

Despite her flaws, Brooke Astor was a remarkable woman. She lived a long and full life, and she made a significant contribution to the city she loved. She will be remembered for her many accomplishments, and for her enduring legacy as one of the last great socialites of New York City.



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