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"Alan has written a very funny, very clever book—it's shocking and sinful and I couldn't put it down. He leaves no gravestone unturned, nothing buried. *Morbid Curiosity* is part *Six Feet Under*, part *Mad* magazine. It'll make a killing!" — **Joan Rivers**

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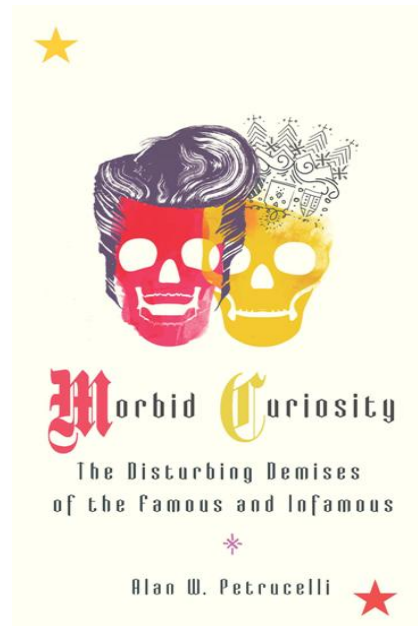
MORBID CURIOSITY

The Disturbing Demises of the Famous and Infamous

by Alan W. Petrucelli

The death of Michael Jackson continues to dominate worldwide news. We've always been fascinated by celebrities . . . and death. Who among us doesn't recall exactly where they were and what they were feeling when the deaths of John F. Kennedy, Elvis, and Princess Diana were announced?

Coming out just in time for the Halloween season are the strange, startling and utterly fascinating stories behind the world's most notorious celebrity deaths in **MORBID**



CURIOSITY: *The Disturbing Demises of the Famous and Infamous* (Perigee Trade Paperback; September 29, 2009; \$13.95) by celebrity journalist **Alan W. Petrucelli**. From historical figures like Attila the Hun and Sir Walter Raleigh to contemporary names like Heath Ledger and Anna Nicole Smith, the deaths of the rich and famous provoke endless speculation and tabloid fodder.

MORBID CURIOSITY will answer these burning questions:

- Was Jayne Mansfield really decapitated?
- Which manly appendage of Napoleon's was cut off during his autopsy? (And where did it go?)
- What went to the grave (literally) with River Phoenix, Frank Sinatra and Princess Diana?
- Why was Judy Garland kept in cold storage for more than a year after her death?
- Whose suicide note was titled "Football Season Is Over"?
- What were the last words of John Wilkes Booth, Liberace, Joan Crawford, James Brown, and others?

Noted celebrity journalist Alan W. Petrucelli has covered many of the world's most famous people — right up to the end, for some. Now, in **MORBID CURIOSITY** he presents the most unsettling, unexpected, occasionally humorous, and often outright appalling details of the final moments of the famous and notorious.

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