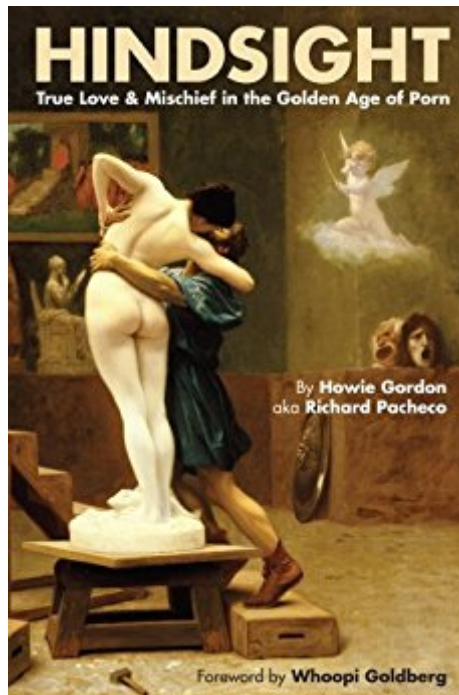




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# Hindsight: True Love & Mischief In The Golden Age Of Porn



## Synopsis

HINDSIGHT is one man's remarkably revealing story about sex and relationships, on the silver screen and in his private life. Howie Gordon (screen name Richard Pacheco) was an award-winning actor during The Golden Age of Porn, whose memoir does not duck the question, "What about love?" With charm, passion, wit, and what may best be described as a crude elegance, Gordon's story takes us back to the fabled Baby Boomer era, when erotic films took a dramatic step closer to mainstream entertainment in America. His memoir recounts scenes with Marilyn Chambers, Georgina Spelvin, Seka, Annette Haven, Kay Parker and many others. This was the heyday of John Holmes, John Leslie, Jamie Gillis and Anthony Spinelli, and they are all characters in what may prove to be the finest inside story to ever come out of the fascinating world of Adult Films during its Golden Age. Ultimately, HINDSIGHT is a surprising love story: here in a triumph over incredible odds, is an unlikely victory for true love, common sense, and the American way. Full of pictures and high spirits "this memoir is a great read, whether you know the world of porn, or are just a curious reader." "It was the time of storytelling with an X Rating, and there's no one better to tell this story than my friend Howie Gordon." - Whoopi Goldberg "Howie Gordon writes about life as a porn star with more honesty, integrity and humor than any other porn star, ever! You will laugh, cry, and fall in love. I hope his book gets made into a movie, because it will be a one-of-a-kind blockbuster." - Annie Sprinkle, Ph.D. "Post Porn Modernist" "Mark Twain meets Don Juan" a delectable fusion of brains and balls! - Dr. Marianna Beck, Ph.D. The Material Culture of Sex

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## Customer Reviews

I bought this book after watching the Netflix original "After Porn Ends" and Howie Gordon aka "Richard Pacheco" promoted his book. It's the way Howie Gordon writes and his humor that makes me love this book. I enjoyed the stories he told of the movies he has been in and the stars he worked with. I love porn, who doesn't but I always want to know the behind the scenes of the movies and get to know the people who perform and make them. Granted some of the people are not upstanding citizens but those that are, are human and they all have a story to tell. Howie delivers with this and I loved reading about that. I am just about to turn 50 so the early 80's were my teenage years. Seka, Hyapatia Lee, Veronica Hart, Gloria Leonard, Vanessa Del Rio, Richard Pacheco, Joey Silveira, John Leslie, and many others helped me "grow" up during that time. Reading this book brought me back to those glory days! Thank you Howie for a great book!

'Hindsight: True Love & Mischief in the Golden Age of Porn' is one of the best books I have ever read! I truly mean this. Echoes of the writing style of Joseph Heller (Catch 22) and Norman Mailer color Howie Gordon's style, which ultimately, is his own, and quite unique. As Richard Pacheco (star of numerous adult films in years past) Howie had a disarming charm about him, and seemed mature beyond his years. He was a good actor as well, and during pornography's 'Golden Age' "performed" alongside a number of often stunning, sometimes talented women. The cast of characters and people who come and go and come and go in Howie's life are numerous. Familiar names like Anthony Spinelli (the acclaimed director of some of the best films in the genre), John Leslie, Seka, and others appear alongside Howie's "agent" and "God"...two 'voices' who chide him for deeds done, urge him onward...or comment on his life. At nearly 700 pages this is truly a page-turner unlike no other I've come across in many many years. I like how Howie documents how the colorful West Coast lifestyles of the late 60s and early 70s gave way to a whole new way of thinking, feeling, and being, and how in some ways, contributed to the birth of the classic (and best) adult movies

(referred to now as the "Golden Age"). There's sadness and joy, and lots of laughs in here along with the drama as Howie writes of a lifetime of love, friendship, deaths, and births in his unique confessional style. If you're a fan of Richard Pacheco's work, or of the classic age of adult movies, you will find this book truly a worthy purchase.

I have been in relationships where we watched porn as part of our foreplay. Fortunately this was during the time of the Golden Age of Porno so we saw films that attempted some legitimacy. I was taken with the fact that I preferred films with a story interwoven into the sex scenes whereas my male partner was happy with films that spent most of the time on the sex acts. I have seen some of Richard Pacheco's films. Reading *Hindsight* has given me a chance to wrap backstories into the filming of these films. What was it like for a male porn star and the crew during the filming? Best of all Howie has written a memoir as though he was speaking to the reader. He is not shy about telling it as it was for him. The photos that are included in the book are wonderful. They help keep the story personal. I particularly enjoyed the conversations with his agent and God that he has interspersed in the text. Throughout the memoir Howie included events in his personal life ending with the candid P.S Some Words from Carly, his wife. I highly recommend this book. It is entertaining throughout. You get a chance to find out about the people involved in the porn business written with great humor and candor. If you have spent any time watching pornographic film you owe it to yourself to pick up a copy of *Hindsight*.

Many have viewed pornographic films in the past, but few admit it. May have been aroused, I'm sure by same, but few admit that either. All of us wonder how people can become such exhibitionist, submitting themselves to public observation of what most of us feel is not a spectator sport, but rather something best carried out in private. In this *HINDSIGHT, MEMOIRS*, Howie Gordon introduces us to X-Rated films -- from it's day of "loops" to the full-fledged movie screens. In particular, he focuses on it's "Golden Years", the 1970's and the '80's as he relives his extraordinary adventures in that business. There is an old, of color joke with the punch line of "Damn brother, don't believe I would have told that/" But Gordon tells it. Reflecting how money enticed him into the industry and on to his eventual stardom might make most of us think, "Damn brother, don't believe I would have told that." But Gordon tells it. Reflecting how money enticed him into the industry and on to his eventual stardom might make most of us think "Damn, brother, I don't believe I would have told that," yet Gordon tells it. And when he shares in his difficulties carrying out his masculine duties as a lover, "Damn! Damn, brother! I surely wouldn't have told anything about that!. But Gordon tells

us that too! And he tells of it with a surprising humor and style in a truthful, fascinating manner. We learn of his working relations with the producers, directors, camera people and of course his fellow actors and actresses. It seems that the camaraderie developed over the years is amazing in itself. Even more amazing, however, is his relationship with his wife, children, parents and in-laws, over those years climaxing in the publication of HINDSIGHT. This book surprised me. I'm betting it will surprise you too. I have often said a man only lies about two things, his sex life and his mileage. Gordon convinced me he is not lying about his sex life and of course there is little argument about his mileage.

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