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**Description:**

**Review** "Starred review. The definitive word on a loved, loathed, maddeningly complex broadcasting legend." (**Kirkus**)

"Ribowsky, who previously wrote a fine book on Satchel Paige, gives Cosell the treatment this controversial giant in sports journalism deserves." (**New York Post**)

"A powerful biography... well researched and well written." (**Jewish Journal**)

"...[T]he first thoroughly researched and effectively framed biography of Cosell and his times..."

Beyond its poignant depiction of a flawed, paranoid and narcissistic character with the uncanny talent to immerse himself entirely, almost supernaturally, into emerging events, Ribowsky's Howard Cosell makes crystal clear the entwined path of Cosell's epic career within the world of Big Time sports and its broadcasting partners, as they quite literally created the monstrosities they are today." (**James Campion - Huffington Post**)

"A sportscasting giant is interpreted for a generation that never knew him...Mark Ribowsky's clear-eyed take on the broadcaster who built his career on "telling it like it is" reveals the insecurities that fueled Cosell's bravado, charting his ascension from growing up in a middle-class home in Brooklyn to a short-lived career as a lawyer before elbowing his way into radio and TV and becoming the most influential—and controversial—sports commentator in America." (**Sports Illustrated**)

"In Howard Cosell, author Mark Ribowsky reveals the obnoxious broadcaster who transformed sports reporting." (**Sherryl Connelly - New York Daily News**)

"Ribowsky has deftly captured this complicated figure, and anyone who cares about sports and how we talk about sports will find this book well worth the time, no matter how off-putting its subject was to many." (**Steve Kettman - San Francisco Chronicle**)

"Ribowsky, who seems to have read just about everything on Cosell, is a deft narrator of the life of Humble Howard, taking his readers from the skinny kid in Brooklyn who yearned to spend more time with an absent father to the sportscaster who helped make an event out of "Monday Night Football" by being so very different from anyone else who had ever called a game." (**New York Times Book Review**)

"Mr. Ribowsky's book is an entertaining read and a thought-provoking portrayal of the multi-faceted Howard Cosell in all his glory and enmity. It is based on voluminous, well-sourced research into print and electronic material, coupled with numerous interviews with Cosell's contemporaries.

...the book vividly depicts Cosell as a brilliant meteor that soared through the electronic sky before ultimately fading, dimmed by controversy, age, exhaustion and perhaps his own obstreperous personality. Warts and all, there has never been, and may never be again, anyone quite like Howard Cosell." (**Don Ohlmeyer, former president of NBC West Coast and produced of "Monday Night Football" from 1972 to 1976 - Wall Street Journal "Bookshelf"**)

**About the Author Mark Ribowsky** is the author of seven books, including Howard Cosell and the New York Times Notable Book Don't Look Back: Satchel Paige in the Shadows of Baseball. He lives in Florida.

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