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Touchstone. 1 Paperback(s), 2002. soft. Book Condition: New. No star in any medium has affected the world more deeply or enduringly than Marilyn Monroe, avers Yona Zeldis McDonough. "When she was thereon screen, or in person it became almost impossible to pay attention to anyone else. And maybe that, more than anything, was her special gift: the riveting of the collective attention to one face, one form, one voice, as it smiled and moved and utterly transformed everything around it." This thought-provoking and wide-ranging collection of 17 essays McDonough's follow-up to *The Barbie Chronicle* examines the undiminished incandescence of Marilyn, her impact on our culture, and the evolution of her legend since her death, with contributions from Joyce Carol Oates, Molly Haskell, and Marge Piercy. The cover image is an extremely rare photo taken on the set of *The Seven Year Itch*, circa 1954. "Especially nice is McDonough's juxtaposition of pieces from different times, such as Clare Boothe Luce's 1964 article following Gloria Steinem's 1986 essay, with both taking a similar position on Love Goddess as victim, but from two very different angles. Often, the essayists question their own fascination and that of their readers. Steinem writes that Marilyn's untimely death may have something to do with it: When the past dies, there is mourning, but when the future dies, our imaginations are compelled to carry it on. A dissection of celebrity in a starstruck age, this collection is at once intelligent and fresh, proving once again why the Love Goddess will continue to live on." *Publishers Weekly* 230.



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