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Editorial Review

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As the queen of the 1970s blaxploitation movies, Grier stands assured that her as-told-to autobiography will be welcomed by film-studies collections high and low. Iconic for her roles in such gems of the genre as *Coffy* and *Foxy Brown*, Grier has also appeared in mainstream films, the likes of *Fort Apache the Bronx* and *Mars Attacks*. Her blaxploitation efforts were made on shoestring budgets without much time for rehearsal or nuance, but when given a much meatier role—the title character in Quentin Tarantino's *Jackie Brown*—she turned in a spectacular performance (unfortunately, that excellent film was overlooked in the wake of Tarantino's signature work, *Pulp Fiction*). Grier describes making the low-budget films, in which she often portrayed a tough but beautiful woman involved in a ludicrous plot, and also such noncommercial events as her 1974 night out with John Lennon, Harry Nilsson, and Peter Lawford, during which she was ejected from the Troubadour, an "in" spot at the time, though at least in the company of pop-culture royalty. --Mike Tribby

Review

"Pam Grier is a survivor." (*USA Today*)

"[an] iconic actress" (*Publishers Weekly*)

"The foremost goal of any celebrity memoir is to capture the personality of its subject, and this *Foxy* does. The wide-eyed dignity of its voice is that of Pam Grier, and the book, like her, is not only inspiring—which we knew already—but immensely lovable, as well." (*Kirkus* 2010-01-00)

About the Author

Pam Grier started her career in the early 1970s, starring in a string of moderately successful women-in-prison films and blaxploitation films, and has generally remained in the public eye, starring in movies such as *Coffy*, *Foxy Brown*, and *Jackie Brown*.

After taking a short break from Hollywood, Pam returned to films in the 80s, like *Fort Apache the Bronx*, *Something Wicked this Way Comes*, and *Above the Law*. She also made a guest appearances on *Miami Vice* and *The Fresh Prince of Bel Air*.

Pam also played Kit Porter on the controversial hit show "The L Word" on Showtime. She occasionally guest-stars in *Law & Order: Special Victims Unit*, where she plays a recurring character. She spends her free time on her ranch in Colorado.

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