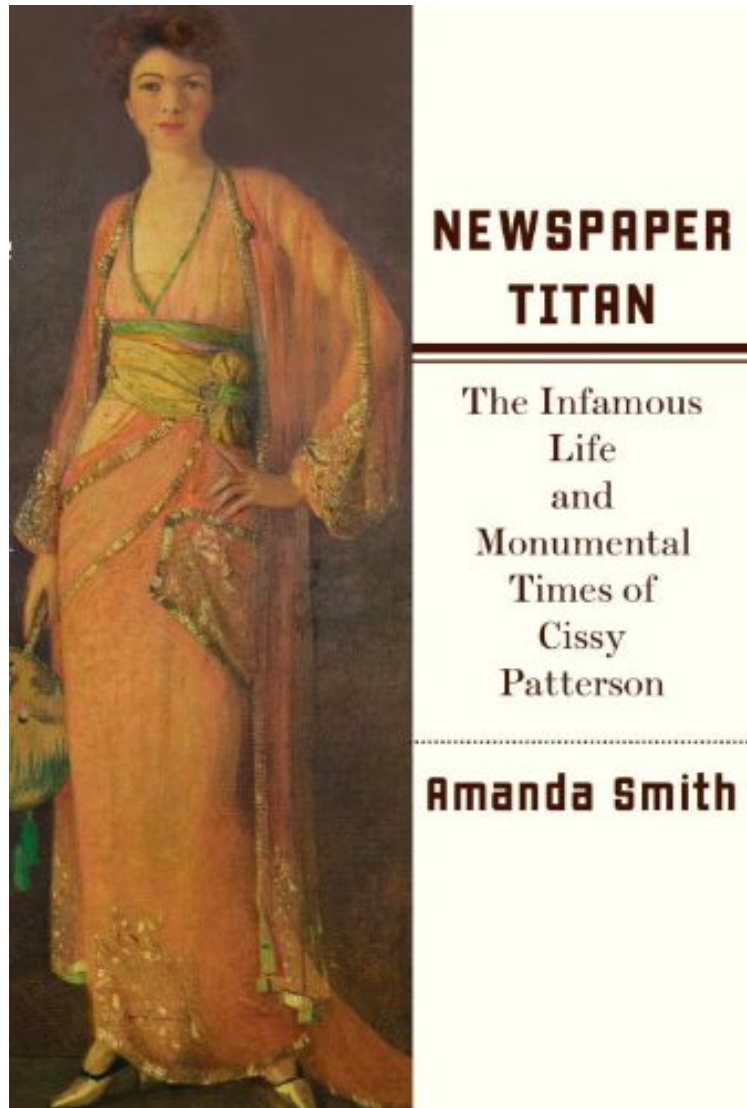


## Newspaper Titan: The Infamous Life and Monumental Times of Cissy Patterson

*Amanda Smith*

*ebooks / Download PDF / \*ePub / DOC / audiobook*



DOWNLOAD



READ ONLINE

#1607127 in eBooks 2011-09-06 2011-09-06 File Name: B004KPM1YO | File size: 52.Mb

**Amanda Smith : Newspaper Titan: The Infamous Life and Monumental Times of Cissy Patterson** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Newspaper Titan: The Infamous Life and Monumental Times of Cissy Patterson:

6 of 7 people found the following review helpful. Brilliant American SagaBy CustomerAmanda Smith is now on my short list of literary heroes. Her work is an amazing compilation and organization of valuable historic information. Ms. Smith is a brilliant researcher. She searched through dusty files in St. Petersburg, Russia, to find information on the

kidnapping of Cissy Patterson's daughter Felicia who was hidden away in an Austrian convent and eventually released through the intervention of President Taft and Czar Nicholas. The cast of characters include: Cowboys, colorful residents of early Jackson Hole, Wyoming, Czar Nicholas, several American Presidents, Aviator Lindberg, AA's Bill W., Counts, Countesses, Newspaper dynasties, mysterious deaths, a kidnapping and runaway of Cissy's only child, alcoholism and drug addiction, wonderful animal stories, wealth, powerful women, loneliness, recovery, passion. Beautifully written with compassion and honesty. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Four Stars By Pamela Smart Great vacation read-long novel. It is a bit heavy on the newspaper industry in general so be prepared. 4 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Fascinating! I'll read it again to gird myself against the Neanderthals By Rudi Franke What a fantastic woman! This is someone of whom the feminists should be proud. This was the era in journalism in which it seems it was still worth reading newspapers and Cissy came from a long line of Chicago-born newspaper owners with "ink in their blood". Any one around the world, especially Chicagoans will find this interesting reading as the two families involved owned major newspapers in Chicago, New York, and Washington D.C. that greatly influenced their readers at that time. It's important to know that Cissy took over a Washington paper from Hearst that was an under-performer and doubled its circulation when the old timers at the paper expected for her to fail. Want to know how she did it and which influential unfortunates became her prey? Buy this book and find out, you won't be disappointed. For those of you who can't read too well, it's an easy read and it has pictures!

From the author of *Hostage to Fortune*; *The Letters of Joseph P. Kennedy* ("Superb" --Michael Beschloss; "Remarkable" --Arthur Schlesinger), the galvanizing story of Eleanor Medill (Cissy) Patterson, celebrated debutante and socialite, scion of the Chicago Tribune empire, and the twentieth century's first woman editor in chief and publisher of a major metropolitan daily newspaper, the Washington Times-Herald. She was called the most powerful woman in America, surpassing Eleanor Roosevelt, Bess Truman, Clare Boothe Luce, and Dorothy Schiff. Cissy Patterson was from old Republican stock. Her grandfather was Joseph Medill, firebrand abolitionist, mayor of Chicago, editor in chief and principal owner of the Chicago Tribune, and one of the founders of the Republican Party who delivered the crucial Ohio delegation to Abraham Lincoln at the convention of 1860. Cissy Patterson's brother, Joe Medill Patterson, started the New York Daily News. Her pedigree notwithstanding, Cissy Patterson came to publishing shortly before her forty-ninth birthday, in 1930, with almost no practical journalistic or editorial experience and a life out of the pages of Edith Wharton (or more likely the other way around: shades of Cissy are everywhere in the Countess Olenska). Amanda Smith writes that in the summer of 1930, Cissy Patterson, educated at the turn of the century at Miss Porter's School in Farmington, Connecticut, for a vocation of marriage and motherhood and a place in society, took over William Randolph Hearst's foundering Washington Herald and began to learn what others believed she could never grasp--how to run and build up a newspaper. She vividly lived out the Medill family's editorial motto (at least in spirit): "When you grandmother gets raped, put it on the front page." Patterson soon bought from Hearst the Herald's evening sister paper, the Washington Times, merged the two, and became editor, publisher, and sole proprietor of a big-city newspaper, a position almost unprecedented in American history. The effect of the merger was "electric"...By 1945, the Washington Times-Herald, with ten daily editions, was clearing an annual profit of more than \$1 million. Amanda Smith, in this huge, fascinating biography gives us the (infamous) life and monumental times of Cissy Patterson, scourge of liberals, advocate of appeasing Hitler, lover of poodles, and hater of FDR. Here is her twentieth-century Washington: its politics and society, scandals and feuds, and at the center--the fierce newspaper wars that consumed and drove the country's press titans, as Patterson took the Washington Times-Herald from a chronic tail-ender in circulation and advertising, ranked fifth in the town, and made it into the most widely read round-the-clock daily in the national's capital, deemed by many to be "the damndest newspaper to ever hit the streets." From the Hardcover edition.