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“Not just a terrific read, but an important life to have on the national record.” – George Negus

The swashbuckling West Australian entrepreneur Andrew “Twiggy” Forrest took on mining giants BHP Billiton and Rio Tinto at their own game – and won. In this unauthorised biography, Andrew Burrell traces Twiggy’s business triumphs and disasters to reveal the complicated man behind the myth. Why do his mining ventures attract so much controversy? And what do his philanthropic schemes tell us about him and his plans for the future?

It takes extraordinary force of will, combined with boundless energy and cunning, to create enterprises on such a mammoth scale. With the value of iron ore now integral to the health of the federal budget, Twiggy’s business affects all Australians. This entertaining book gives a unique insight into one of the most powerful men in Australia today.

“A riveting investigation of one of our richest businessmen, biggest philanthropists and greatest fast-talkers.”
– Laura Tingle

“This is a book that needed to be written … rich in detail with fascinating insights into the family history, the failures, flaws, and ultimate rise of John Andrew Henry Forrest.” – *The Sydney Morning Herald*

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Alex Rogers says

Interesting story, interesting guy. He has been much in the news in Australia for the last decade, and it is good to get some back story and detail. But the style is very journalistic, reads like it has been culled from newspaper articles over the last 30 years with a bit of filler to glue it together. I felt the tone was also a little ... ungenerous. Sure Twiggy has a good deal of rough with the smooth, and the author strives to present a balanced picture - but it did feel a little like hatchets were being buried in places. It was an unauthorised bio, and suffered from a lack of any real in-depth insight. Sure, any authorised bio of such a huge ego is likely to be a bit hagiographic - but I'm still more interested to hear from Twiggy in his own words or someone really close to him or who has "access all areas" accreditation. A worthwhile read, and decent insight into the personality type it takes to make it to Australia's richest person on your own efforts. Now for the saga of Gina...

Ned Charles says

Andrew Forrest. A truly fascinating person. He does little, if anything, by half. His story has something for everyone because it covers so much. His achievements commenced from a young age and he has maintained that desire to keep going. A very big name in Australia, especially the mining sector.

The author appears to paint a bad picture of Forrest, but to think a person can be as successful as Forrest and be the nicest person on the stage is very naive. If he operates a 10 for me one for you deal, be grateful. Who said he had to give you anything?

I gave the book five stars but took off two because of the authors performance. As a journalist for the Financial Review Burrell was very good, but not so here.

The book is an unauthorized biography, not surprising, remember the author is a journalist.

Some people will say the scurrilous remarks on the back cover, or the less than complementary author's note put them off reading the book; but it was the only book on Andrew Forrest I could find.

Max Cheney says

A great insight into a complex character

Warren Gossett says

Fascinating biography of Andrew Forrest who lives a few streets away from me.

Wayne Mansfield says

The unauthorized biography from broke borrowing from a shady underworld character on September 11 to save his house, to worth \$14 BILLION 10 years later...

Best book I have read on life, business and over coming the odds since I read Think and Grow Rich on November 11th 1975.

You should read this book.

James Mitchell says

Fascinating + eye-opening read. Does a reasonable job providing both sides of the picture.

Ben Haddad says

Good book. Gets a bit dry but I appreciated the level of detail and the amount of time the author gives to telling stories or elaborating from more than one perspective where possible. Worth a read - especially if like me you were too young to be aware of much of this as it happened.

Nick Blamey says

A truly great read. Informative, independent, and challenges the dominant views of Forrest to invite the reader to reassemble the jigsaw themselves. How many cans of Pocari Sweat did Burrell nail to get this over the line? A triumph!

Ron W. says

The only reason why I read this book is because I once worked for Andrew's brother, David Forrest. I had the opportunity to meet Andrew a few times as well and he struck me as a very dedicated, driven man. The Forrests have a long history in WA and it was amazing being a part of their lives (albeit less than a year). The book was worth the read.

Tom Fontaine says

Brilliant. Not the book, the man. Although the book is a decent summary of events.
