

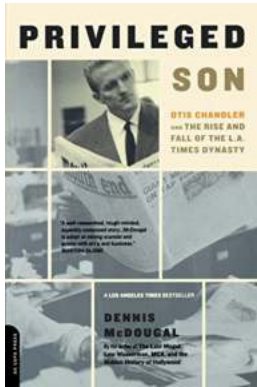
Otis Chandler And The Rise And Fall Of The Times Dynasty



In the realm of media and publishing, there have been many influential figures who have left their mark on the industry. But few have had such a significant impact as Otis Chandler, the former publisher of the Los Angeles Times and the man behind the rise and fall of the Times dynasty.

The Early Years

Otis Chandler was born on November 23, 1927, into a prominent and wealthy family. His grandfather, Harrison Gray Otis, was the founder of the Los Angeles Times and established a media empire. Growing up in this environment, Chandler was exposed to the workings of the publishing industry from a young age.



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Chandler attended Stanford University, where he studied business and economics. After graduating, he joined the family business and quickly proved himself as a capable and forward-thinking leader. He recognized the importance of modernization and technological advancements in the industry, which would later play a crucial role in the rise of the Times dynasty.

The Rise of the Times Dynasty

Under Chandler's leadership, the Los Angeles Times experienced exponential growth and success. He modernized the newspaper, introducing new printing technologies and expanding its readership. Chandler also focused on improving the quality of journalism, recruiting top talent and giving reporters the freedom to pursue investigative reporting and in-depth stories.

Chandler understood the importance of staying ahead of the curve and adapting to changing times. He implemented market research and demographic analysis to target specific audiences, resulting in increased circulation and advertising revenue. With his visionary approach, Chandler transformed the Los Angeles Times into one of the most influential and profitable newspapers in the country.

The Fall of the Times Dynasty

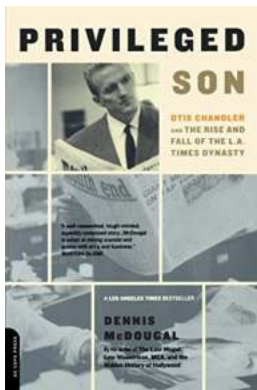
As the Times dynasty reached its peak, the industry faced new challenges. The rise of the internet and digital media posed a threat to traditional print newspapers. Chandler recognized these changes but struggled to adapt quickly enough to the evolving landscape.

The economic downturn also took a toll on the newspaper industry, leading to declining advertising revenue and circulation. Under Chandler's successors, the Times dynasty faced financial difficulties and had to make drastic cost-cutting measures, including layoffs and reducing the size of the publication.

The Legacy of Otis Chandler

Despite the challenges faced during the decline of the Times dynasty, Otis Chandler's legacy remains intact. He will always be remembered as the publisher who revolutionized the Los Angeles Times and turned it into a journalistic powerhouse. His commitment to quality journalism, technological innovation, and market research set new standards for the industry.

Otis Chandler's impact has extended far beyond his time as a publisher. He paved the way for the future of media and inspired generations of journalists and publishers. The lessons learned from his successes and failures continue to shape the industry today.



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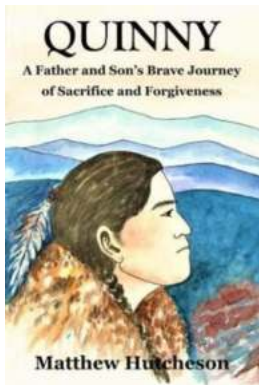
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Here is the riveting story of how a second-rate newspaper rose to national greatness, only to become a casualty of war—a civil war within the family that owned it. Told in a hard-edged, investigative style, it spans the American Century, from 1884, when the Chandler family gained control of the just-born daily, through April 2000, when they sold it to the Tribune Company. Above all, *Privileged Son* chronicles the life of Otis Chandler, the *Times*' chief architect after 1960, whose flamboyant exploits in and out of the publisher's suite changed the perspective of the newspaper, and Los Angeles, forever. Using scores of insider sources, Dennis McDougal, the best-selling author of *The Last Mogul*, will surprise readers with his findings, including accounts of political graft and early mob connections among one of L.A.'s most prominent families. The Chandlers, who helped establish the national careers of Richard Nixon, Ronald Reagan, and several other major political figures, controlled Los Angeles and the Times Mirror Corporation with a capriciousness that is seldom seen, even in the most dysfunctional media dynasties. *Privileged Son* is a thoroughly compelling page-turner that will keep readers engaged from its opening paragraphs. But it is also a numbing morality tale that extends far beyond Otis Chandler to highlight the

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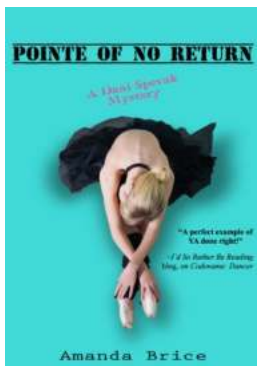
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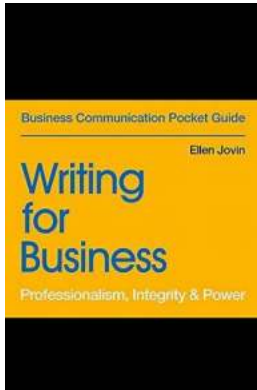
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