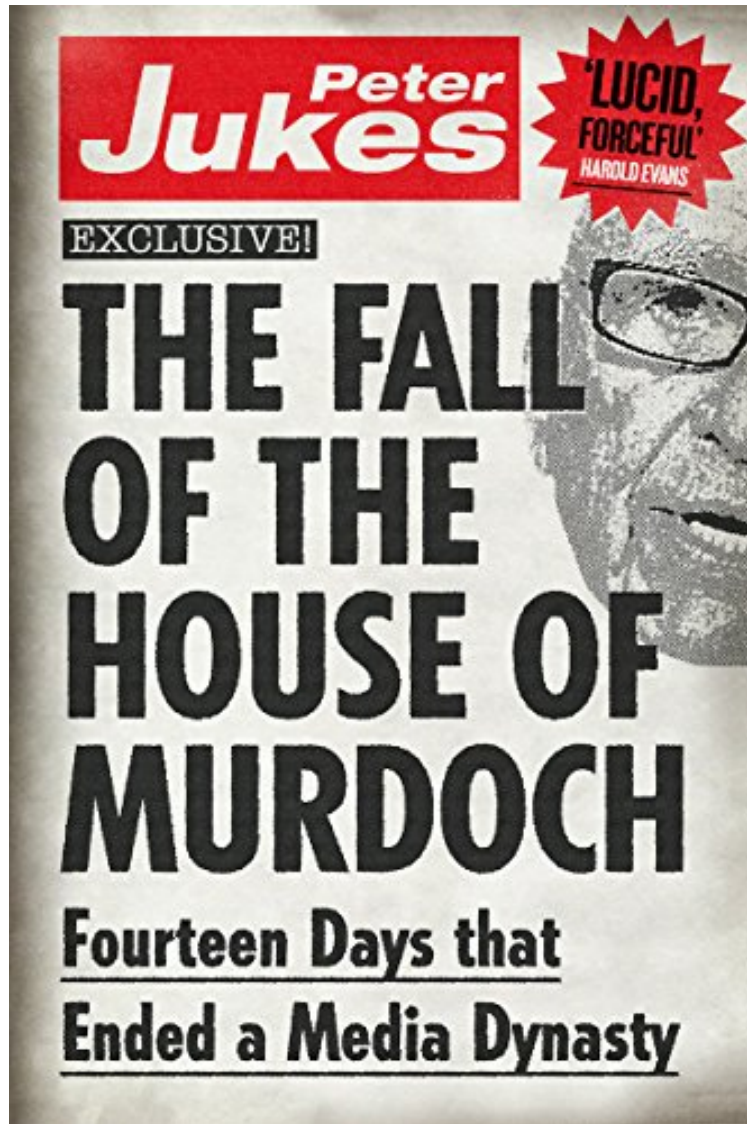


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Peter Jukes. For anyone mildly interested in the career of Rupert Murdoch, 'The Fall of the House of Murdoch' is a rollicking great yarn that covers the interesting bits yet doesn't ignore the weighty issues. The storyline sets a cracking pace from the get go with Peter's edgy and stylish prose, covering the key events culminating in the Hacking Trial now underway at the Old Bailey in London. Throughout the book, Jukes also offers useful insights about the Internet, not just the way it's affected newspaper publishing but also how broadcast and pay TV will be reshaped in the years ahead. The treatment of the main players is notably even handed; while acknowledging the great achievements of Murdoch's 60 year career, it also describes its various mistakes and shortcomings. A must read whether you're a stock pundit wanting to understand News Corporation, or are interested in the latest goings-on of a remarkable yet always controversial Australian.

4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. A thoughtfully-written, well-researched treat!

By Vernon Lee
Whose world has not been influenced by Rupert Murdoch? You there, raising your hand: if you're not a member of some obscure Micronesian tribe (in which case, you're... on the internet?), best wishes in making your case. This author has a unique and interesting perspective on how Murdoch's many journalistic enterprises have changed the world as we know it, especially in Britain. Come for the schadenfreude, stay for the interesting reflections on the world of information in the 21st century -- and how we begin to disentangle ourselves from the grasping reach of media barons with a will to control and subvert our politics and society. An interesting, fast-moving, thought-provoking read.

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By Laima Vince
In his introduction to THE FALL OF THE HOUSE OF MURDOCK Peter Jukes clearly states that in his 25-year writing career he has never undertaken a journalistic project. Sadly, his lack of journalistic professionalism and expertise is woefully apparent in THE FALL OF THE HOUSE OF MURDOCK. That Jukes lacks the training and the tools of a professional journalist is clear from the first pages of the book to the last. His work is simply not reliable. His research is shoddy and spotty. The book reads like a gossip rag. Having undertaken a sensationalist topic, Jukes simply lacks the skills as a writer to see his project through. I would not recommend this book as a valid source for readers who want to understand the Murdoch scandal.

Structured around the fourteen days in 2011, from the moment the News of the World's hacking of the phone of a murdered 13-year-old schoolgirl was exposed, The Fall of the House of Murdoch is a riveting account of the scandal that closed the world's best-selling English-language newspaper, forced one of the most powerful families in the world to appear before Parliament and finally prompted Murdoch's departure from the UK newspaper world he dominated for three decades. But the book covers more than just Hackgate. It is a forensic expose of News Corp's culture, through the early days in Australian media, the purchase of the News of the World, the Sun and the Times group, the Wapping move to the move into satellite broadcasting and the creation of the Fox Network. Exhaustively researched and fully sourced, The Fall of the House of Murdoch is a morality tale for our times, a family drama played out on a world stage and required reading for anyone seeking to understand the hidden connections that bind politics, business and culture together.

"Lucid, forceful. A roaring great read. I am most impressed by the way he grasps the central truth of the incapacity of our institutions to cope with Murdoch. The Fall of the House of Murdoch is an impressive accomplishment for its narrative energy, wit and intellectual range." Sir Harold Evans, former editor of the Sunday Times

"Political thrillers don't come much better than this" Chris Bryant MP

"An impressive treatise on how media, money and power in the past thirty years became so locked into mutually supporting agendas that they failed to interrogate each other." Joy Lo Dico, London Evening Standard

About the Author
Peter Jukes is a British writer and journalist. Through his TV appearances and regular columns on the Daily Beast website and in Newsweek he has become one of the UK's most authoritative commentators on the News International phone-hacking scandal and the Leveson Inquiry. He writes regularly for New Statesman, Prospect magazine and the Independent on the links between culture and politics and is a high-profile contributor to the US political blogs Daily Kos and Motley Moose. Jukes is also a dramatist for radio and television, whose credits include In Deep, Bad Faith, Waking the Dead and Sea of Souls. He lives in London.