



# Audrey Hepburn

## Suggested Reading

*Audrey & Givenchy* by Cindy De La Hoz (2016). Swoon-worthy photo book about the long partnership between Hepburn and fashion designer Hubert de Givenchy. Perfect for fans of Hepburn's fashion

*Audrey Hepburn: A Life of Beautiful Uncertainty* by Tom Santopietro (2025). The latest complete biography, including never before seen photos. Nicely researched and readable. My current top pick.

*Audrey at Home: Memories of My Mother's Kitchen* by Luca Dotti (2015). A unique biography from her son. Combines anecdotes, excerpts from her letters, recipes for her favorite dishes and more than 250 previously unpublished family photos

*Audrey in Rome* by Luca Dotti (2013). Photo book edited by Hepburn's son. Chronicles Hepburn's long-running links to the city, from *Roman Holiday* through her marriage to Andrea Dotti

*Audrey Hepburn Treasures* by Ella Erwin, et al (2006). Rare. Hard to find and great for collectors and die-hard fans. Like a scrapbook with mix of text and photos. Includes small "treasures" in envelopes in the pages

*Audrey Hepburn: An Elegant Spirit* by Sean Hepburn Ferrer (2003). Lovely memoir written by her son

*Breakfast at Tiffany's: The Official 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Companion* by Sarah Gristwood (2011). Half photographs and half narrative. Lots of behind-the-scenes info about the making of the movie.

*Audrey Style* by Pamela Clarke Keogh (1999). Another great book for fashionistas. About half photography and half narrative. Includes interviews with designers including Givenchy and Ralph Lauren

*Dutch Girl: Audrey Hepburn and World War II* by Robert Matzen (2019). Riveting biography focusing on her childhood years during WWII. A must-read for those interested in Hepburn's history, esp during World War II

*Audrey Hepburn* by Barry Paris (2001). The most ambitious and personal account ever written about Hollywood's most gracious star. Comprehensive, but some readers find it dry

*Enchantment: The Life of Audrey Hepburn* by Donald Spoto (2006). Juicy and sometimes salacious but engaging biography. Focuses on Hepburn's insecurities and infidelities.

*Fifth Avenue, 5 AM* by Sam Wasson (2021). A history of the making of *Breakfast at Tiffany's*.



## Timeline: Audrey Hepburn

- 1929 – Audrey Van Heemstra Ruston born in Belgium on May 4
- 1935 – Parents divorce
- 1939 – Returns to her mother's native Holland at the outset of World War II.  
Endures hardship during the war including severe malnutrition and anemia
- 1949 – Begins career in musical theater
- 1953 – *Roman Holiday* released, for which she receives an Academy Award for best actress
- 1954 – *Sabrina*. Marries Mel Ferrer, an actor and film director
- 1960 – Son Sean Hepburn Ferrer born
- 1961 – *Breakfast at Tiffany's*
- 1964 – *My Fair Lady*
- 1969 – Marries Andrea Dotti, an Italian psychiatrist
- 1970 – Son Luca Dotti born
- 1989 – Named a UNICEF International Goodwill Ambassador. Final film appearance in *Always*
- 1993 – Dies from cancer at age 63. Buried near her home in Switzerland



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