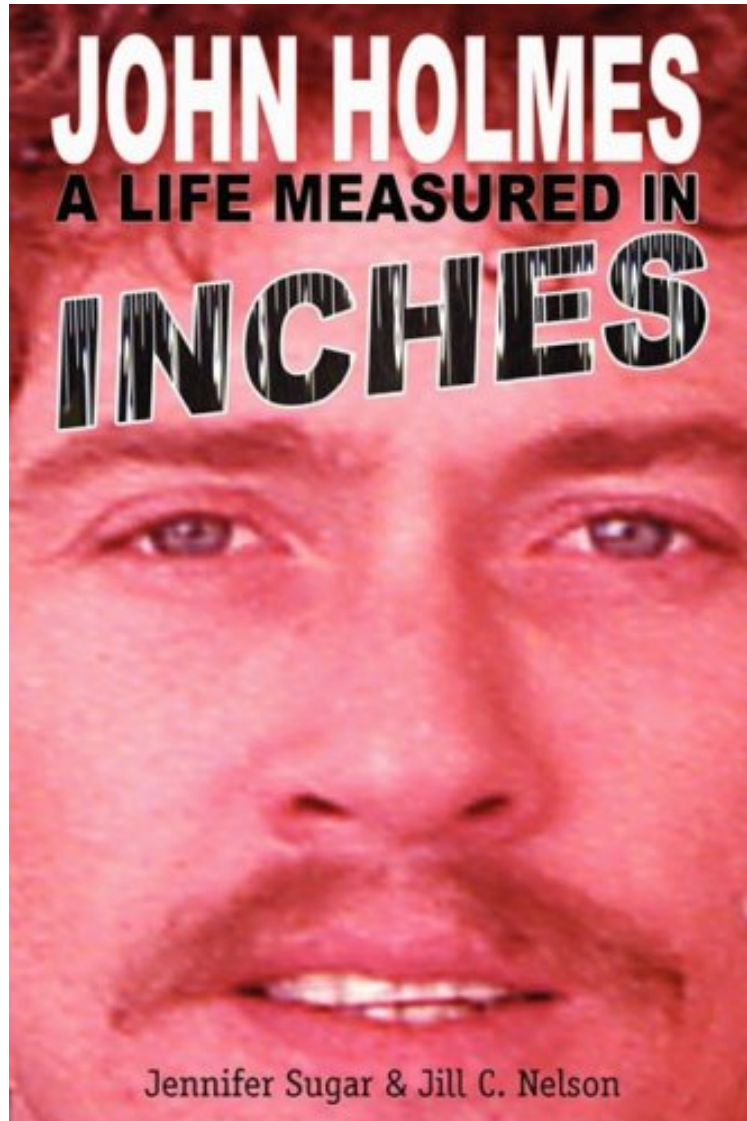


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**Jennifer Sugar, Jill C. Nelson : John Holmes, a Life Measured in Inches** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised John Holmes, a Life Measured in Inches:

10 of 10 people found the following review helpful. John HolmesBy cervoI really enjoyed this book. The Holmes history of getting into the business, how the whole industry evolved and then his demise as one of the pioneers of moving on from the "glamorous" drug of powder cocaine to the seedy life of becoming a free-basing cocaine freak, the people he was involved with while supporting his habit and eventually the murders in one of LA's most gruesome crimes. I found the end of the book very disturbing for me when Holmes knowingly participated in several porn

movies while knowing he was HIV positive and most likely already AIDS defined. What makes this even more disturbing not only the fact he exposed others to HIV but also how almost every person in this book portrays Holmes as someone very caring, sensitive, and would never hurt anyone, unprotected sex while knowingly being HIV positive, somehow i don't get caring and sensitive from that. I also found besides Holmes and maybe even more so then Holmes himself the most interesting person in the book was his wife, Sharon Holmes. What a dirt-bag she was, 19 plus years of marriage standing by her man while he drugged, diseased, robbed, conspired, lied, cheated, set up people to die,had sex with men, relationships with teenage girls and Sharon supported her man through it all!1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. InterestingBy Carol WongThis book is written mainly from interviews with people that John worked with, knew, had affairs with, or was married to. I enjoyed reading the different perspectives and comments. This book is much different then "The Road Through Wonderland, which I very much enjoyed reading. I really hated this man and saw no value in him as a human being after reading Dawn Schiller's book. I think that's the reason I decided to read "A Life Measured In Inches. I really wanted to know if John had any redeeming qualities at all. I did find (surprisingly),that some people had some nice things to say about him.That doesn't mean he didn't have his demons and issues, but he must have left some kind of a good imprint on at least a few. Here again, I have a gripe because a good deal of the book is filled up with lists of all of his porographic films,still,etc. I really didn't need a blow by blow,(no pun intended)description of them all. I think this book is worth reading because you get a better sense of who John was as seen through the eyes of all who knew him.There are also lots of great photos,some of which go back to his childhood.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. pretty good readBy Customerpretty good read...mostly an oral history from members of the early porn industry...however author is overly sympathetic to holmes...keep in mind he was a drug addict,socially irresponsible [ had unprotected sex while knowingly infected with aids ],a thief,and an accessory to a brutal multiple homicide....he was not a "big hearted" guy who was fundamentally misunderstood....

"The tree of life represents the roots of man. The branches are the different directions a man can take, live or exist. When you're dead, those that you leave behind will put you in a part of that tree. It represents what was, what is and what will be. It's eternal." -- John Holmes. Most people might, understandably, predict that the world's first porn star was a woman, but they would be wrong. John Curtis Holmes was just a simple country boy from Ohio when he moved to California in 1964. It was the infancy of hardcore, so in Holmes' wildest dreams, he could not have predicted the turbulent ride on which he had embarked by publicizing his private parts. With the fame he achieved by playing his most famous character - a gun toting detective named Johnny Wadd - came money. Holmes was pleased to spend it on his wife and mistresses, but soon was in over his head after he became addicted to cocaine. Unfortunately for Holmes, in the years that followed, his addiction led him into several desperate choices - including setting up a robbery at the home of Ed Nash, a powerful L.A. nightclub owner. The robbery resulted in one of the most gruesome, unsolved, multiple-murders in Hollywood history. Amazingly, before his untimely death in 1988, Holmes regained his momentum, remarried and rebuilt his life and career. However, the grave consequences of his addiction, his association with the Wonderland murders, and his AIDS-related death made him an infamous figure in pop culture. Digging past the stigmas, John Holmes: A Life Measured in Inches - the first biography about John C. Holmes - unearths the human being behind the penis and proves that there was more to him than could be measured in inches. This biography includes material from the authors' new interviews with: Laurie Holmes, Bill Amerson, Bob Chinn, Julia St. Vincent, Detective Tom Lange, Detective Frank Tomlinson, Paul Thomas, Ron Jeremy, Seka, Marilyn Chambers, Candida Royalle, Rhonda Jo Petty, Dr. Sharon Mitchell, Bill Margold, and many others! Also included is additional source material containing extensive interviews with: Sharon Holmes, Dawn Schiller, Dr. Vonda Pelto, Ph.D., and L.A. Times film critic, Kenneth Turan. With 114 reviews of John's most notable feature films, 86 loops synopses, 3 photos sections including rare nudes, and a comprehensive 21 page filmography.

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the history of erotic cinema: John Curtis Holmes --Jennifer Sugar Jill C. Nelson - October 31, 2011From the Back Cover~"When he made love, he made history." ~~William Margold "This is undoubtedly the best porn bio every written, and will set standards, were there any standards to be set in porn."~~ Dick Freeman, Adult Film Critic and Co-Chairman of the XRCO ~