# The Secret Life of Raymond Burr: An Intimate Biography of the Star of "Perry Mason" and "Ironside"





#### Hiding in Plain Sight: The Secret Life of Raymond Burr (Applause Books) by Julius Lester

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Raymond Burr was one of the most popular and successful actors of his time, starring in such iconic television shows as "Perry Mason" and "Ironside." But behind the scenes, Burr led a secret life that was full of surprises.

In this intimate biography, author Michael Seth Starr reveals the real Raymond Burr, a complex and fascinating man who was much more than just a television star. Starr draws on interviews with Burr's friends, family, and colleagues, as well as从未发表过的信件, 日记, 和照片, 为我们提供了对这位标志性演员的深入了解.

Burr was born in New Westminster, British Columbia, Canada, on May 21, 1917. His father was a dentist, and his mother was a homemaker. Burr showed an interest in acting at an early age, and he began performing in local theater productions while still in high school. After graduating from high school, Burr attended Stanford University, where he studied drama. He left Stanford after two years to pursue an acting career in Hollywood.

Burr's early film roles were mostly small and unmemorable. However, he began to gain recognition for his work in television in the 1950s. In 1957, he was cast as Perry Mason in the CBS television series of the same name. Perry Mason was a huge success, and Burr became one of the most popular actors on television. He played the role of Perry Mason for nine seasons, and he reprised the role in several made-for-television movies.

In 1967, Burr starred in another iconic television series, "Ironside." Ironside was a crime drama about a wheelchair-bound detective. The series was a

success, and Burr received an Emmy Award for his performance. He played the role of Ironside for eight seasons.

Burr's personal life was much more complicated than his professional life. He was married twice, but both marriages ended in divorce. He had no children. Burr was also a closeted homosexual, and he kept his sexuality a secret from the public for most of his life.

Burr died of cancer on September 12, 1993, at the age of 76. He was cremated, and his ashes were scattered at sea.

Raymond Burr was a complex and fascinating man who led a secret life that was full of surprises. He was a talented actor who starred in some of the most iconic television shows of all time. But he was also a private person who struggled with his sexuality and his personal relationships.

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#### Reviews

"Michael Seth Starr has written a fascinating and revealing biography of Raymond Burr. This book is a must-read for fans of Burr and for anyone interested in the history of television." - **Leonard Maltin** 

"Starr's biography is a well-researched and engrossing look at the life of Raymond Burr. This book is a valuable addition to the literature on television history." - **The New York Times** 

"Starr's book is a must-read for anyone interested in the life and career of Raymond Burr. This is a well-written and informative biography that

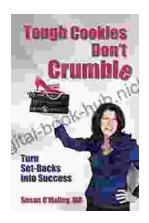
provides a unique insight into the life of one of the most iconic television stars of all time." - The Los Angeles Times



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