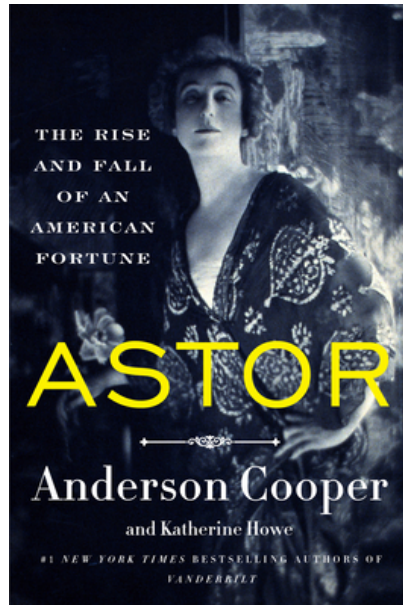


Book Highlight:

Astor: The Rise and Fall of an American Fortune

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The number one New York Times bestselling authors of *Vanderbilt* return with another riveting history of a legendary American family, the Astors, and how they built and lavished their fortune. The story of the Astors is a quintessentially American story—of ambition, invention, destruction, and reinvention. From 1783, when German immigrant John Jacob Astor first arrived in the United States, until 2009, when Brooke Astor’s son, Anthony Marshall, was convicted of defrauding his elderly mother, the Astor name occupied a unique place in American society. The family fortune, first made by a beaver trapping business that grew into an empire, was then amplified by holdings in Manhattan real... The narrative demonstrates how simplicity can be effective when handled with care. By prioritizing clarity and intention, the author creates a story that feels accessible without losing depth. This balance appeals to a wide range of readers.