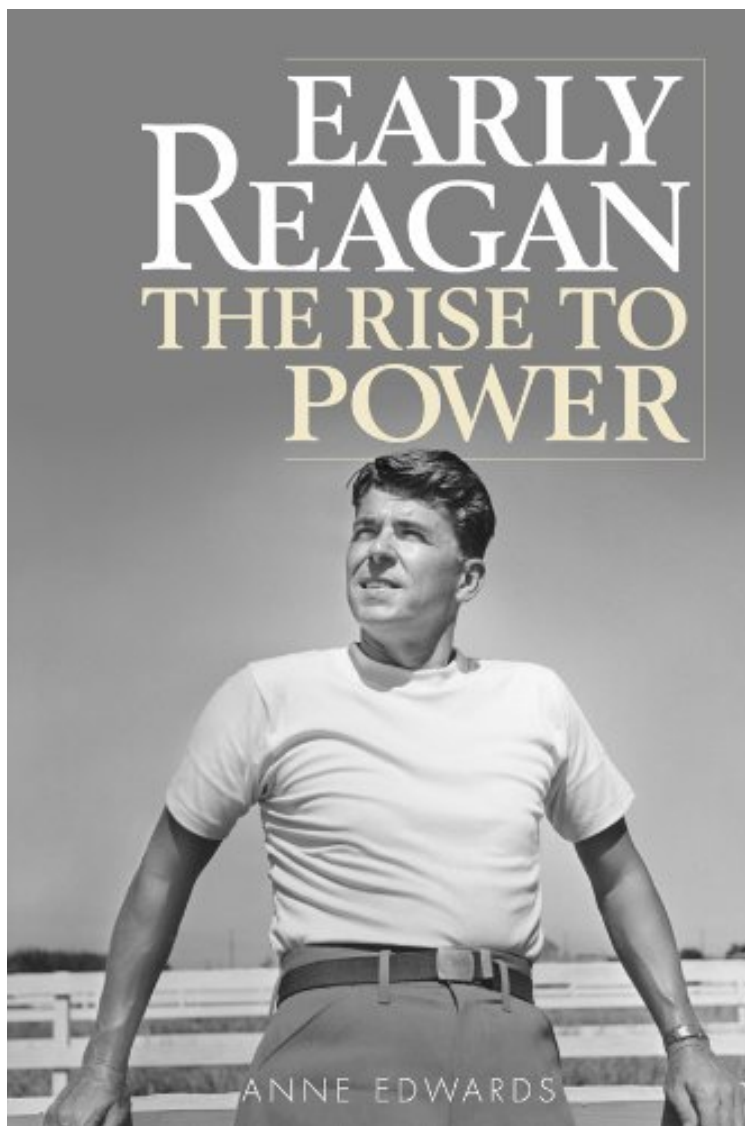


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. The Youth, The Actor, The Union Leader...The Budding PoliticianVon James GallenRonald Reagan is one of those figures who present two lives to the biographer, frequently leading to biographies that focus on one aspect or another. "Early Reagan" is different in that it tells his story from birth to the eve of his entry into full time politics, encompassing his

youth, movie career and his gradual immersion into public affairs. Many think of Reagan as a movie actor who used his acting skills to build a second career in politics. That is true to an extent, but author Anne Edwards shows that for Reagan politics was a part of his life from his earliest days. Born to an alcoholic Irish American father and a devout Protestant mother, "Dutch's" early life in Illinois was one of hard time supported by domestic stability. From his father Dutch learned an abhorrence of intolerance and an interest in politics. From his mother he gained his lifelong religious faith. Coming of age in the Depression, Dutch early learned to make his own way, spending summers as a life guard, and playing football in High School and at Eureka College. While majoring in economics at Eureka he became involved in student government and issues affecting the administration of the College. In his youth he became a strong Democrat and supporter of Franklin D. Roosevelt. His search for employment led him to Iowa where he became a radio announcer, including a stint as a Cubs broadcaster. After making his way to Hollywood, Reagan became an employee of Warner Brothers where he became a staple of "B" movies. During this time he became involved in the Screen Actors Guild which he would serve as president for six years. I had always thought of his union presidency as a figurehead position of a rather insignificant organization. On the pages of this book we read of his leadership in negotiations with the studios, his struggles against Communist infiltration and his management of strikes during his tenure. The reader comes away with an impression of Reagan as one very involved in important issues of professional and national significance. This was the time of his life during which Reagan loved, lost and won: first girlfriends in Dixon and Iowa then his first wife, Jane Wyman. Edwards depicts Wyman and Reagan as being incompatible teammates whose divergent interests and careers made a failure of their marriage. Then came Nancy. This book examines Nancy's story that she first came to Ronnie for help in distancing herself from another Nancy Davis who was associated with Communist front organizations. Edwards suggests that the story of their first meeting does not seem plausible, but however they met, theirs was a love story with which we have become familiar. During his acting career and union service, Reagan was influenced by multiple conservative figures in and out of the field. Many suggested that he seek political office. His own principles were becoming more important than his party allegiance as he gradually shifted toward the Republican Party. As early as 1950 he abandoned the Democrats to support Richard Nixon for U.S. Senator. One fact that I found to be interesting was Reagan's service in the horse cavalry between the wars. This helped him develop his equestrian skills and secured him a place in the Army when World War II came. After the war Reagan had his period of most intense union activity as his movie career was winding down. He found employment in television, with General Electric Theatre and Death Valley Days, as well as a spokesman for General Electric. During his travels to G.E. facilities he honed his political message and generated a legion of voters who heard him, met him and would later support him. At the end of the book Reagan has just about completed his transition from actor to politician, as he gave "The Speech", "A Time for Choosing" in support of Barry Goldwater on October 27, 1964. I found this book to be very well written. It held my interest throughout and I learned much about Reagan that I did not previously know and gained a much greater appreciation for the man he was before he became president. This makes it a very enjoyable and worthwhile read.

Kurzbeschreibung First published in 1986 and nominated for the Pulitzer Prize, *Early Reagan* is still the most in-depth portrayal of the pre-government years of the late president. The book uncovers Reagan's formative years: childhood poverty, film stardom, and his politicization via the Screen Actors Guild. Anne Edwards interviewed more than two hundred people important in the life of Reagan as well as those of his two wives, Jane Wyman and Nancy Davis. The book concludes with Reagan's entry into politics in 1966, when he announced his candidacy for Governor of California in the living room of his hilltop San Onofre home. As the late historian Barbara Tuchman noted, For anyone who wants to know about the circumstances . . . that formed Ronald Reagan into a political figure, this is the book to read.

Pressestimmen Edwards traces Reagan's acting career from start to finish, and his gradual shift from fervent Roosevelt Democrat to the day in 1966 when he announced his candidacy, as a Republican, for governor of California. She refutes Reagan's claim that he was typecast as an actor, that the studios offered him second-rate roles in revenge for his union demands as president of the Screen Actors Guild. (Perhaps the most revealing section of the book revolves around his aggressive leadership of that organization.) Reagan's marriage to Jane Wyman and the early years of his marriage to the former Nancy Davis are covered, along with interesting tidbits about his relationships with acting colleagues, directors, gossip columnists and his boss of many years, studio head Jack Warner... [A]s a political biography it is intriguing; Edwards skillfully combines [Hollywood and politics] into a unique drama that should find many readers. *Publishers Weekly* This breezy, anecdotal book by the biographer of Katharine Hepburn, Margaret Mitchell, and others details Reagan's movie and television career while deemphasizing his political career... [T]his book is a lively recounting of Reagan's childhood and years in the entertainment industry, where his political instincts and interests were kindled. *Library Journal* Ronald Reagan has earned a place in history as an icon; love [him] or hate him. *Early Reagan: The Rise to Power* is a new edition of the 1986 book from Anne Edwards, which tells the story of Reagan's rise to fame from nothing as a child to gaining Hollywood stardom, [as well as] his early moves in politics.

Tracing his life up to his official entry into politics as a candidate for governor of California, *Early Reagan* is a strongly recommended pick for those who want to better understand this American icon and how he became history. Midwest Book Edwards ... show[s] us a side of the former president that has been overshadowed by Iran-Contra and Reaganomics... In these pages, we meet Reagan's family, wives and children as well as movie stars and directors, and get a taste of the iconic days of early Hollywood. Family photographs and studio stills illustrate this fascinating biography. SheKnows Book LoungeKurzbeschreibungFirst published in 1986 and nominated for the Pulitzer Prize, *Early Reagan* is still the most in-depth portrayal of the pre-government years of the late president. The book uncovers Reagans formative years: childhood poverty, film stardom, and his politicization via the Screen Actors Guild. Anne Edwards interviewed more than two hundred people important in the life of Reagan as well as those of his two wives, Jane Wyman and Nancy Davis. The book concludes with Reagans entry into politics in 1966, when he announced his candidacy for Governor of California in the living room of his hilltop San Onofre home. As the late historian Barbara Tuchman noted, For anyone who wants to know about the circumstances . . . that formed Ronald Reagan into a political figure, this is the book to read.