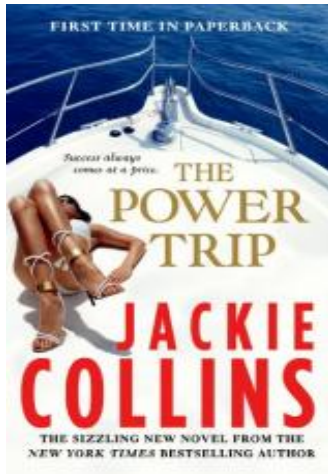


# The Power Trip

by Jackie Collins

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## About the Book

A luxurious yacht in the Sea of Cortez, a birthday cruise for one of the world's most beautiful women and an invitation no one can refuse. THE POWER TRIP --- take it if you dare.

From Hollywood icon and mega-seller Jackie Collins comes a thrilling new novel, THE POWER TRIP, set on a state of the art luxury yacht off the coast of Cabo San Lucas. A tropical getaway with a cast of global power-hungry elites turns sour when they find out maybe they don't control as much of the world as they thought...

In THE POWER TRIP, you will meet Aleksandr Kasianenko, a billionaire Russian oligarch, as he sets sail on *The Bianca*. You'll meet his sexy supermodel girlfriend, whom *The Bianca* is named after, and five dynamic, powerful, and famous couples invited on the yacht's maiden voyage: Hammond Patterson, a driven Senator, and his lovely but unhappy wife, Sierra; Cliff Baxter, a charming, never-married movie star, and his ex-waitress girlfriend, Lori; Taye Sherwin, a famous black UK footballer and his interior designer wife, Ashley; Luca Perez, a male Latin singing sensation with his older decadent English boyfriend, Jeromy; and Flynn, a maverick journalist with his Asian renegade female friend, Xuan.

You will also meet Russian mobster, Sergei Zukov, a man with a grudge against Aleksandr. And Sergei's Mexican beauty queen girlfriend, Ina, whose brother, Cruz, is a master pirate with orders to hold *The Bianca* and its illustrious rota of guests for ransom.

THE POWER TRIP explores the decadent playgrounds of the super-rich...and leaves you hungry for more.

## Discussion Guide

1. THE POWER TRIP takes you on a journey with a group of people --- most of them famous and rich. As their journey progresses what shifts do you see in their relationships?
2. In the first half of THE POWER TRIP you meet all the couples who are about to be invited on a fabulous luxury cruise on Aleksandr Kasianko's fantastic yacht to celebrate his girlfriend, supermodel, Bianca's 30th birthday. Which couple strikes you as the most likable and why?
3. To what extent do you think Aleksandr's feelings for Bianca are genuine, beyond loving the fact that she's a world famous supermodel?
4. How do you feel about the relationship between cheating Senator Hammond Patterson and his lovely wife Sierra, whom he verbally abuses? At what point do you think she should divorce him?
5. Russian mobster, Sergei Zukov has an ax to grind. Is he justified in seeking revenge? Why or why not?
6. Do you think movie star Cliff Baxter's feelings for his young girlfriend, Lori, are real, or is she just convenient arm-candy?
7. Beautiful and exotic locations are a big part of THE POWER TRIP While reading the book which scenes made you feel most transported to life on a yacht exploring uninhabited and glorious islands, and what makes that life so appealing?
8. Who is your favorite character in the book and why?
9. Who is your most hated and why?
10. Latin singing star Luca Perez is such a nice guy?too nice?
11. Who do you consider to be the real hero of the book? And would you like to read more about him in a future book?
12. True love. Does it truly exist between Flynn and Sierra? What evidence is there one way or the other?
13. Was your sympathy with the pirates or the passengers, and why?
14. Which character would you most like to spend the night with!?!

## Author Bio

There have been many imitators, but only Jackie Collins (1937-2015) can tell you what really goes on in the fastest lane of all. From Beverly Hills bedrooms to a raunchy prowl along the streets of Hollywood; from glittering rock parties and concerts to stretch limos and the mansions of power brokers --- Jackie Collins chronicles the real truth from the inside looking out. Jackie Collins has been called a "raunchy moralist" by the late director Louis Malle and "Hollywood's own

Marcel Proust? by *Vanity Fair* magazine.

With over 400 million copies of her books sold in more than 40 countries, and with some 27 *New York Times* bestsellers to her credit, Jackie Collins is one of the world's top-selling novelists. She is known for giving her readers an unrivalled insider's knowledge of Hollywood and the glamorous lives and loves of the rich, famous, and infamous. "I write about real people in disguise," she says. "If anything, my characters are toned down&mdashthe truth is much more bizarre."

Ms. Collins books include POOR LITTLE BITCH GIRL, A SANTANGELO STORY and DROP DEAD BEAUTIFUL. She was awarded an OBE by Queen Elizabeth II in 2013.

## Critical Praise

"This sea of extravagant creatures, whose sexual tastes lie on the fringe of raunchy, is abashedly rousing, and what more could one hope for from Collins?"

? *Publishers Weekly*

"No one paints a more delicious portrait of Hollywood than Jackie Collins."

? *New York Post*

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