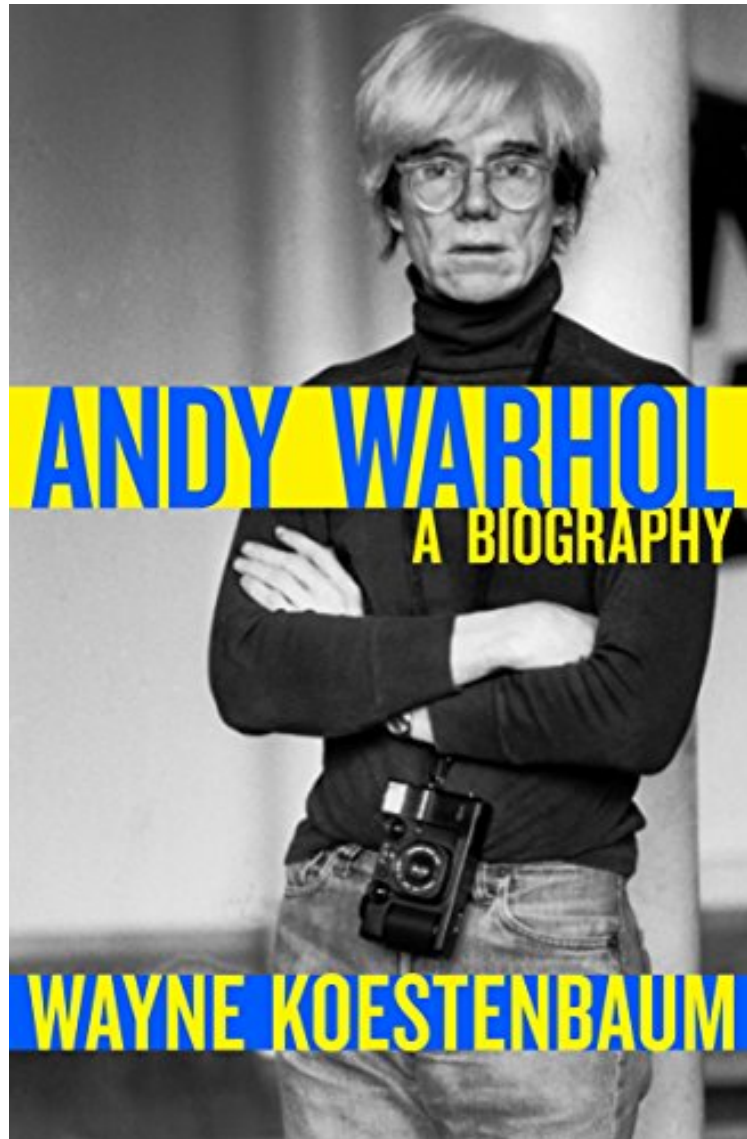


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Throughout, Koestenbaum's engagements with Warhol's life and art, tinged with poetic brilliance and surgical dispassion, feel very high-stakes indeed, making this book an engrossing battle of wills. This is a portrait of the artist's heart and mind, a biography of his insides, the impulses that drove him to create. mdash;Publishers Weeklymdash;Pittsburgh Post-Gazette[Koestenbaum] gives us a Warhol who is ineffably sad but heroic too: a man full of bravado, patience, energy and devotion to work, to making things. It's a book that should tempt both those generally familiar with Andy Warhol and, even more, young people who have trouble imagining how popular art can challenge the status quo. mdash;Los Angeles Times