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Astor Foundation. As the foundation's
president, Mrs. Astor would use this
legacy to benefit New York City. She
would personally visit every grant
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At her hundredth birthday, princes and
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grandson petitioned the courts to have
his father removed as Brooke's

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to capture the spirit of this talented
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Born in 1906, Huguette Clark grew up in her family's 121-room Beaux Arts mansion in New York and was one of the leading celebrities of her day. Her father William Andrews Clark, was a copper magnate, the second richest man in America, and not above bribing his way into the Senate. Huguette attended the coronation of King George V. And at twenty-two with a personal fortune of \$50 million to her name, she married a Princeton man and childhood friend William MacDonald Gower. Two-years later the couple divorced. After a series of failed romances, Huguette began to withdraw from society--first living with her mother in a kind of Grey Gardens isolation then as a modern-day Miss

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Alice Perdue worked for Brooke Astor and her son, Anthony Marshall, for twelve years. She has written a very readable, detailed and personal account of what happened in Mrs. Astor's world before and after she was manipulated into changing her will and legacy. The reader gets a unique look at this charming and spirited woman, a beloved and revered philanthropist

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