

# Woman's Home COMPANION

## PICTURE OF THE MONTH

"Lust For Life" is the story of the great sensualist-painter Vincent van Gogh who bounds through the pages and passions of Irving Stone's perennial best-seller. And this is the Van Gogh overwhelmingly brought before us by Kirk Douglas in M-G-M's film version, shot in CinemaScope and a sunburst of Color on the actual sites of Van Gogh's struggles to feel feelings never felt before.

Above all others, this man is the passionate exemplar not only of the artist born ahead of his time but of the lover who loves not wisely but too well. Kirk Douglas has never before given so remarkably real a performance.



"Lust For Life" overflows with vivid flesh-and-blood portraits. Van Gogh's violent friend Gauguin is explosively created by Anthony Quinn. His faithful brother Theo and the faithless Christine are consummately etched by British stars James Donald and Pamela Brown. Director Vincente Minnelli, producer John Houseman, scenarist Norman Corwin have indeed made "Lust For Life" a must for everyone.

For they have sent tumbling toward us, in a steady stream of primary color and emotion, the whole tempestuous truth of a career that vibrated from the black coal pits and sky blues of Holland to the voluptuous yellows of Arles and the red and ready lips of Moulin Rouge and Montmartre . . . from genteel ladies he frightened away to women of the Paris streets in whose dark souls only a Van Gogh could find the sun.

Here is the historic episode of the severed "Ear". Here is the wild proposal to the woman whose "No! No! Never!" spilled like acid across his youth. Here is the gaucherie and greatness of one who clutched life to his breast as if to crush both it and him.

Some say Van Gock. Some say Van Guff. Some say Van Go. We say—simply and sincerely—Go!

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M-G-M presents in CinemaScope and Metrocolor KIRK DOUGLAS in "LUST FOR LIFE" co-starring ANTHONY QUINN, JAMES DONALD, PAMELA BROWN with Everett Sloane. Screen Play by Norman Corwin. Based on the Novel by Irving Stone. Directed by Vincente Minnelli. Produced by John Houseman. An M-G-M Picture.

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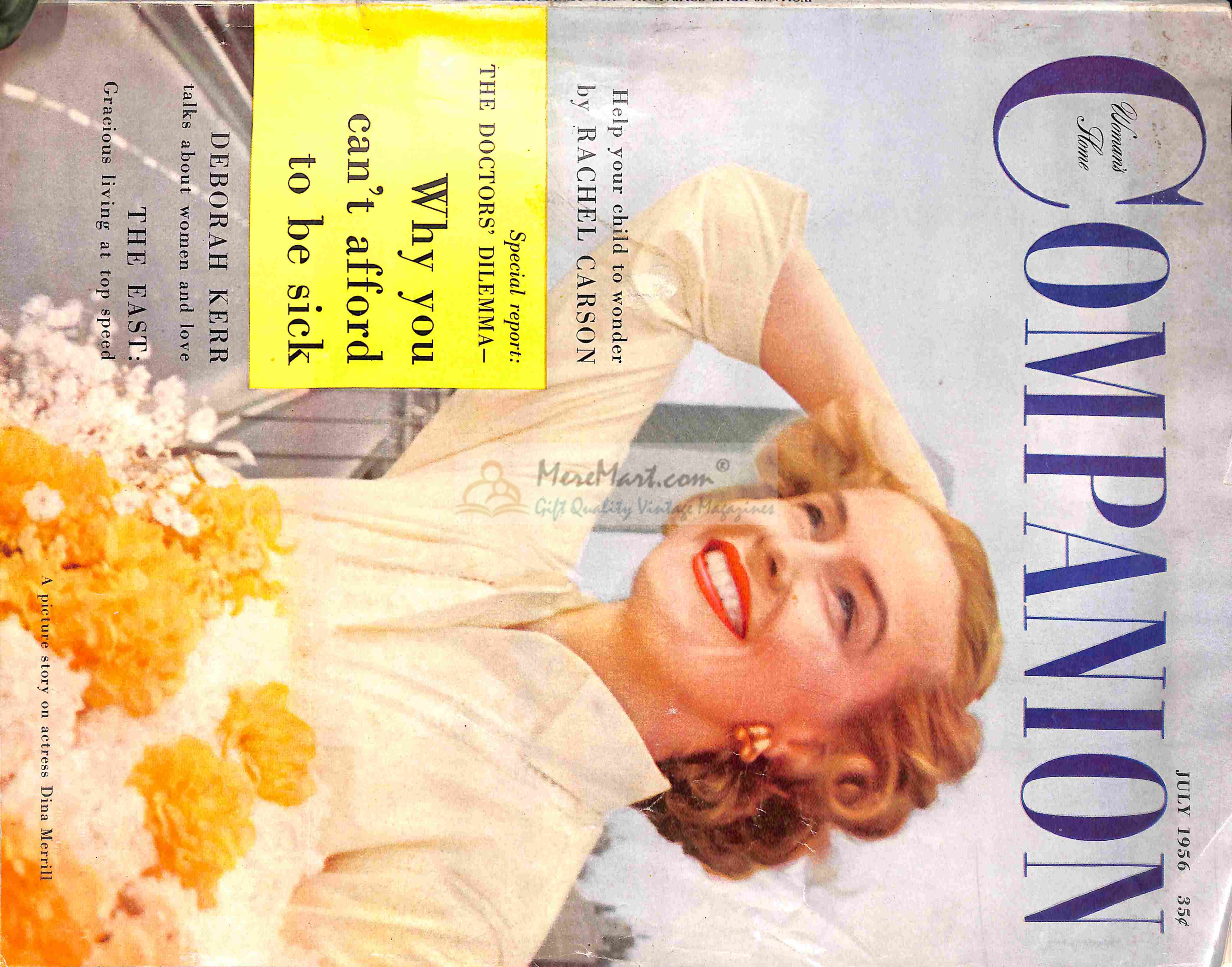
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