

## Gentlemens Clubs Of London

This idiosyncratic book takes the reader on a fascinating journey, from high-end grooming and care, including open razors, strops and Belgian waterstone; silver-tipped badger shaving brushes, shaving soaps and D R Harris's Pick-me-up, loofahs and sponges, through colognes and scents, including history, constituents, triggers and individual colognes, then into dressing accessories, such as slippers, watches, cufflinks and shirt studs, and tie pins, even how to assess precious stones as well as a fascinating account, from primary sources, of the evolution of the dinner jacket-Tuxedo. Moreover, if you want to know not just how to mix drinks but something of their history, as well as the history of beer, cider and mead; sweets of all kinds, chocolate, tea and coffee; matching food and drink (and not just food and wine) and then every essential fact about tobacco, pipes, Havana cigars, cigarettes and snuff, it's all here, as well as where to buy the products that are mentioned. But it does not stop there. The journey continues on to a consideration of some of London's fascinating venues, including pubs, clubs, restaurants, hotels and bars; some nice points of conduct and the author's reflections on such things as feminine wiles (what women really look for) and even how to stop a fight. There is a chapter on selecting and buying gifts for the lady in your life, a dictionary of Anglo-American sartorial terms and it ends, as it begins, with thoughts of England as home. The author has submitted the book in draft to the scrutiny of leading world experts on the various topics and so, as well as being entertaining, it is backed by authority.

During Prohibition, while Al Capone was rising to worldwide prominence as Public Enemy Number One, the townspeople of Templeton, Iowa—population just 418—were busy with a bootlegging empire of their own. Led by the whip-smart and gregarious Joe Irlbeck, an outfit of farmers, small merchants, and even the church Monsignor together created a whiskey so excellent it was ordered by name: “Templeton rye.” However, a prohibition agent from the adjacent county named Benjamin Franklin Wilson was ardent in his fight against alcohol, and he chased Irlbeck for over a decade. But Irlbeck was not Capone, and Templeton would not be ruled by violence like Chicago. *Gentlemen Bootleggers* tells a never-before-told tale of ingenuity, bootstrapping, and perseverance, showcasing a group of criminals who embraced the American ideals of self-reliance, dynamism, and democratic justice. It relies on previously classified Prohibition Bureau investigation files, federal court case files, extensive newspaper archive research, and a recently disclosed interview with kingpin Joe Irlbeck. Unlike other Prohibition-era tales of big-city gangsters, it provides an important reminder that bootlegging wasn't only about glory and riches, but could be in the service of a higher goal: producing the best whiskey money could buy. Bryce T. Bauer is a Hearst Award-winning journalist who has written for *Saveur*, the *Daily Iowan*, the *Cedar Rapids Gazette*, and other publications. He is coproducing and cowriting *West Iowa Whiskey Cookers*, a documentary on Prohibition-era bootlegging. He lives in New York City. A ninety-year-old man's time of death becomes pivotal in deciding upon his half-million-pound estate, and Lord Peter Wimsey must search through such clues as an artificial poppy and an unsolicited telephone repair. Reissue.

You've read tales of lady's maids and cooks, housekeepers and nannies, but now it's time to hear from the other side of life as a servant. From the lamp boy to the butler,

here are the fascinating stories from the men below stairs. This treasure-trove of memories, collected together by Rosina Harrison, bestselling author of *The Lady's Maid*, includes the night the ill-fated Edward VIII came to dinner; the time Charlie Chaplin scandalised the servants with his 'familiar' behaviour - and the occasion when a hot potato dropped down a lady's décolletage at a very exclusive supper party . . . Official, original James Bond from a writer described by Len Deighton as a 'master storyteller'. The first of John Gardner's novels featuring Ian Fleming's secret agent. Bond has been assigned to investigate one Dr. Anton Murik, a brilliant nuclear physicist who is thought to have been meeting with a terrorist known as Franco. Together they plan to hijack six nuclear power plants around the world and start a global meltdown, unless Bond can stop them...

The first book to chart the extraordinary story of St James's in London, the home to the city's iconic clubland and a host of famous institutions

On passing through a certain curtain and a certain door, pleasure, pain and titillation could be enjoyed in the company of ladies who returned the virile salute of desire with the same enthusiasm in which it was given. They wielded power over men, whether in domination or submission, and embraced the exquisite surrender of being watched by many eyes. Lord MacCaulay becomes obsessed with the mysterious Mademoiselle Noire, despite suffering the ultimate humiliation at her hands. His pursuit of her brings about a descent from which there may be no escape. The novella unfolds through a series of fantasy tableaux scenes (explicitly sexual) with an underlying theme of obsessive love.

A compact volume that introduces modern gentlemen to some of the greatest pleasures in life, from the very best spirits to the most complex hot sauces to the suavest of accessories. The book is targeted to aspiring bon vivants, modern metrosexuals, millennials, and hipsters eager to become the new gentleman. Content not only includes quick guides to great drinks, foods, and cigars, but also makes the case for why every real gentleman needs a great flask, a classic pen, and a watch that may not be "smart" but will make you look and feel like 007. Features short essays on each subject, with classic illustrations accompanying each, all in a handsome package that will evoke thoughts of a trusted old leather-bound book.

Perfect for lovers of historical romantic mysteries. Sir Henry, secret agent to the crown, must marry a lady above reproach to afford his illegitimate daughter entrance into society. After narrowly escaping marriage to a highborn bigot, he takes an assignment in Brighton, leading him to an abandoned abbey full of dark whispers, and a sinister secret society, the very one Henry has been investigating for three years. Isabella is as beautiful as she is talented, but falling in love isn't part of her plans. She only wants to paint, forget her painful past, and keep her overbearing mother at bay. But gaining one's independence isn't easy for a woman in 1823, so Isabella embarks on a fake courtship with Sir Henry. Soon, love and a painting career no longer seem so utterly incompatible. But when the man Isabella fears most kidnaps her, all appears lost. Realizing the kidnapper is part of the same organization he is investigating, Henry chases after them. Entrapped in a web of secrets, both Henry and Isabella must face old enemies, and fight for their happily ever after.

A gentleman scribes penny dreadful novels by night and falls in love with a woman who is a music teacher by day--and a thief at night. LONDON 1865 From the moment Hollis

Darby meets Ana Newport, he's smitten. Even though he's from a wealthy, established family and she isn't, he wishes he could have a life with her by his side. But Hollis has a secret: the deep coffers that have kept his family afloat for generations are bare, so he supports himself by writing penny dreadfuls under a pseudonym. If not for the income from his novels, he would be broke. Ana Newport also has a secret. Though she once had a place in society thanks to her father's successful business, bankruptcy and scandal reduced his fortune to nothing more than a crumbling town house. So Ana teaches music during the day, and at night she assumes the identity of the "Phantom Fox." She breaks into the homes of the wealthy to reclaim trinkets and treasures she feels were unjustly stolen from her family when they were struggling. When Hollis's brother needs to hire a music tutor for his daughter, Hollis recommends Ana, giving him a chance to spend time with her. Ana needs the income and is eager for the opportunity to get to know the enigmatic gentleman. What neither of them expects is how difficult it will be to keep their respective secrets from each other. When a spree of robberies rocks the city, Ana and Hollis join forces to solve the crimes, discovering that working together deepens the affection between them. After all, who better to save the day than a gentleman and a thief?

On its first publication in 1979, Lejeun's *The Gentlemen's Clubs of London* rapidly established itself as a widely sought-after and quoted work around the world among those intrigued by and participating in the rarefied world of the famous clubs of London society. This is a new, thoroughly updated edition. This book lays forth the histories of the clubs, why and how each came into being, who belongs and belonged to which, how members are chosen, and how the clubs have changed down the generations - if indeed they have. This work tells of the ambience and grace of the clubs, their privacies and eccentricities, and of the yarns, disputes and scandals to which they have given rise. Here are new and archival photographs of the clubs' interiors, ranging from the elegant to the snug, premises which are sometimes secret and quirky and sometimes grand, each unique and fitting the character and contributing to the needs and lives of its members.

Lord Griffin disappeared five years ago into the wilds of Brazil, leaving a fiancée in England. Now he has returned to claim her, but she is betrothed to another. Though a beauty, Myra hasn't the spirit and charm of her younger sister, Alice, who has always treasured memories of Griffin. *Regency Romance* by Joan Smith; originally published by Fawcett

For the man who has everything, a book full of rich insight into what makes a product endure and bring pleasure to all who possess it.

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'The latest in the series of powerful books on the divisions in modern Britain, and will take its place on many bookshelves beside Reni Eddo-Lodge's *Why I'm No Longer Talking to White People About Race* and Owen Jones's *Chavs*.'

—Andrew Marr, *Sunday Times* 'In his fascinating, enraging polemic, Verkaik touches on one of the strangest aspects of the elite schools and their product's domination of public life for two and a half centuries: the acquiescence of everyone else.' —*Observer* In Britain today, the government, judiciary and military are all led by an elite who attended private school. Under their watch, our society

has become increasingly divided and the gap between rich and poor is now greater than ever before. Is this the country we want to live in? If we care about inequality, we have to talk about public schools. Robert Verkaik issues a searing indictment of the system originally intended to educate the most underprivileged Britons, and outlines how, through meaningful reform, we can finally make society fairer for all.

The enchanting City of Lights shines as never before--in watercolor! Stroll through the city of Paris, with its leafy boulevards, Metro, and Luxembourg Gardens. History lives in splendid 17th-century buildings of the Marais and the Faubourg St. Germain. Sidewalk cafes also spring to life. "A marvelous watercolour guide to the splendours of the city."--The Sunday Times. "A satisfying and strongly personal celebration of the sights of Paris..."--Spectator.

These four stories are drawn from the Author's wide experience within the world of Gentleman's Clubs, or "Clubland" as it is often described. The "Ghost in Piccadilly" was seen in a club late at night and the story, brilliantly researched by The Times newspaper eventually received wide coverage reaching Europe and America. "An Evening at The Club" is an example of how rapidly things can go wrong and how funny they can seem in hindsight - although perhaps not to the individuals directly involved. "The Colonel" was a real, albeit bogus, character who, with his outrageous antics, provided constant entertainment for the members and particularly those in the know. Only a few of his escapades are related here and there is much more to come. "The Committee Man" is an amalgam of the behaviour sometimes adopted in order to influence events but with a generous proportion of artistic license.

Hailed by George R. R. Martin as "a fresh, original, and engrossing tale by a bright new voice in the fantasy genre," The Lies of Locke Lamora introduced one of the most compelling protagonists in years and established Scott Lynch as a household name. Years later, the Gentleman Bastard series continues to shine with Lynch's signature blend of swashbuckling adventure, sparkling wit, and seemingly impossible heists. It's all here in this rollicking eBook bundle, which collects the first three volumes of Lynch's one-of-a-kind series: THE LIES OF LOCKE LAMORA RED SEAS UNDER RED SKIES THE REPUBLIC OF THIEVES An orphan's life is harsh—and often short—in the mysterious island city of Camorr. But young Locke Lamora dodges death and slavery, becoming a thief under the tutelage of a gifted con artist. As leader of the band of light-fingered brothers known as the Gentleman Bastards, Locke is soon infamous, fooling even the underworld's most feared ruler. But in the shadows lurks someone still more ambitious and deadly. Faced with a bloody coup that threatens to destroy everyone and everything that holds meaning in his mercenary life, Locke vows to beat the enemy at his own brutal game—or die trying. Praise for the Gentleman Bastard series The Lies of Locke Lamora "Remarkable . . . Scott Lynch's first novel, The Lies of Locke Lamora, exports the suspense and wit of a cleverly constructed crime caper into an exotic realm of fantasy, and the result is

engagingly entertaining.”—The Times (London) “Right now, in the full flush of a second reading, I think *The Lies of Locke Lamora* is probably in my top ten favorite books ever. Maybe my top five. If you haven’t read it, you should. If you have read it, you should probably read it again.”—Patrick Rothfuss, New York Times bestselling author of *The Name of the Wind* “A unique fantasy milieu peopled by absorbing, colorful characters . . . Locke’s wit and audacity endear him to victims and bystanders alike.”—The Seattle Times *Red Seas Under Red Skies* “Lynch hasn’t merely imagined a far-off world, he’s created it, put it all down on paper—the smells, the sounds, the people, the feel of the place. The novel is a virtuoso performance, and sf/fantasy fans will gobble it up.”—Booklist (starred review) “It’ll only be a matter of time before Scott Lynch is mentioned in the same breath as George R. R. Martin and Steven Erikson.”—Fantasy Book Critic “The kind of witty romp that reminds you exactly how much fun heroic fantasy is supposed to be.”—SFX *The Republic of Thieves* “Fast-paced, fun, and impossible to put down . . . Locke and company remain among the most engaging protagonists in fantasy.”—Publishers Weekly (starred review) “*The Republic of Thieves* has all the colorful action, witty repartee, and devious scheming that fans of the series have come to expect.”—Wired “A fantasy world unique among its peers . . . If you’re looking for a great new fantasy series this is one you won’t want to miss. . . . In a word: AWESOME!”—SF Revu

This work is the first to study the gentlemen's clubs that were an important feature of the Late Victorian landscape, and the first to discover the secret history of clubmen and their world, placing them at centre stage, detailing how clubland dramatically shaped 19th and early 20th-century ideas about gender, power, class, and the city.

They say that the Thorn of Camorr can beat anyone in a fight. They say he steals from the rich and gives to the poor. They say he's part man, part myth, and mostly street-corner rumor. And they are wrong on every count. Only averagely tall, slender, and god-awful with a sword, Locke Lamora is the fabled Thorn, and the greatest weapons at his disposal are his wit and cunning. He steals from the rich - they're the only ones worth stealing from - but the poor can go steal for themselves. What Locke cons, wheedles and tricks into his possession is strictly for him and his band of fellow con-artists and thieves: the Gentleman Bastards. Together their domain is the city of Camorr. Built of Elderglass by a race no-one remembers, it's a city of shifting revels, filthy canals, baroque palaces and crowded cemeteries. Home to Dons, merchants, soldiers, beggars, cripples, and feral children. And to Capa Barsavi, the criminal mastermind who runs the city. But there are whispers of a challenge to the Capa's power. A challenge from a man no one has ever seen, a man no blade can touch. The Grey King is coming. A man would be well advised not to be caught between Capa Barsavi and The Grey King. Even such a master of the sword as the Thorn of Camorr. As for Locke Lamora ...

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From prize-winning historical novelist Louise Allen, this book presents nine walks through both the London Jane Austen knew and the London of her novels! Follow in Jane's footsteps to her publisher's doorstep and the Prince Regent's vanished palace, see where she stayed when she was correcting proofs of *Sense and Sensibility* and accompany her on a shopping expedition – and afterwards to the theatre. In modern London the walker can still visit the church where Lydia Bennett married Wickham, stroll with Elinor Dashwood in Kensington Palace Gardens or imagine they follow Jane's naval officer brothers as they stride down Whitehall to the Admiralty. From well-known landmarks to hidden corners, these walks reveal a lost London that can still come alive in vivid detail for the curious visitor, who will discover eighteenth-century chop houses, elegant squares, sinister prisons, bustling city streets and exclusive gentlemen's clubs amongst innumerable other Austen-esque delights.

*Stronger Than Ever* is a practical guide for applying biblical truths to real life. Personal problems and tragedies can upset happiness and hinder successful living, but a life of faith, love, and hope enables you to persevere and grow stronger, overcome adversity, and become a blessing to others in need. Readers will discover the life that Jesus Christ wants for them, a life of strength, victory, and ultimately, eternal bliss. In this book the reader will find how to develop the power of loving like Jesus; the ABCs of resolving guilt biblically; what to do when it really isn't your fault

Wilde's witty and buoyant comedy of manners, filled with some of literature's most famous epigrams, reprinted from an authoritative British edition. Considered Wilde's most perfect work. Six gentlemen, one goal: the destruction of Hitler's war machine In the spring of 1939, a top-secret organization was founded in London: its purpose was to plot the destruction of Hitler's war machine through spectacular acts of sabotage. The guerrilla campaign that followed was every bit as extraordinary as the six men who directed it. One of them, Cecil Clarke, was a maverick engineer who had spent the 1930s inventing futuristic cars. Now, his talents were put to more devious use: he built the dirty bomb used to assassinate Hitler's favorite, Reinhard Heydrich. Another, William Fairbairn, was a portly pensioner with an unusual passion: he was the world's leading expert in silent killing, hired to train the guerrillas being parachuted behind enemy lines. Led by dapper Scotsman Colin Gubbins, these men—along with three others—formed a secret inner circle that, aided by a group of formidable ladies, single-handedly changed the course of the Second World War: a cohort hand-picked by Winston Churchill, whom he called his Ministry of Ungentlemanly Warfare. Giles Milton's *Churchill's Ministry of Ungentlemanly Warfare* is a gripping and vivid narrative of adventure and derring-do that is also, perhaps, the last great untold story of the Second World War.

From bestselling author Ayr Bray comes the latest in her entertaining and satisfying Pemberley collection. Thrown from his horse, Colonel Richard Fitzwilliam is left to traverse the remaining fifteen miles to Pemberley on foot. Richard never imagined the first carriage to cross his path would contain the one woman he thought he would never see again. Lady Aimee de Bourbon the only child of Prince du Sang Geoffroy de Bourbon, Marquis of Agen had captured and nearly broke Richard's heart four years earlier. He had loved her and planned to give up his bachelor ways, but her father intended her to marry a royal, not an English Earl's second son. Now Lady Aimee is affianced to Senor Duarte de Cortazar, a lesser Portuguese royal. While lost in his thoughts of his prior love, the carriage is robbed, Lady Aimee's dowry stolen, and

Lord Agen is injured. Colonel Fitzwilliam directs the driver to take them to Pemberley where Mr. Darcy and his wife Elizabeth take them in and offer refuge and a place to heal. Ancient customs of Dom Duarte's family forbids marriage without the dowry present at the wedding and now with the dowry stolen, Lady Aimee and her father fear the de Cortazar's will call off the marriage. But Lady Aimee intends to have love and will let nothing stand in her way, even if it means hurting the man she once professed to love. In "Pompous Schemes," Ayr Bray continues her masterfully created world around Pemberley. A world that will make you want to submerge yourself into the fascinating aura of mystery, awe, and romance and never leave. "Pompous Schemes" is the second book in the Pemberley collection. Cowardly Witness; Pemberley #1 Pompous Schemes; Pemberley #2 "

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Revenge is a work of art. Tristan Black is the founder of the Gentlemen's Guild - a group of three world-renowned, yet anonymous, artists. When a priceless drawing of his mother is auctioned off by mistake, the only way to get it back is by creating a portrait of Elsa Carter, the daughter of the man who purchased it. His art. His subject. His choice. That's the rule Tristan's always lived by - and it's a rule he's now blackmailed to break. But if he is forced to break his rules, then he's going to break something of hers in return. And what easier target than Ellie Carter's unsuspecting heart? As Tristan works to capture every superficial nuance, her heartbreaking secrets pull him in deeper and the more he searches for answers, the more he finds a desire that's unable to be denied. And when her very presence should be reason enough not to want her, the only thing he wants is more. Her portrait brought them together and their passion created a masterpiece. But will their secrets tear them apart?

A case of mistaken identity brings together a shy young spinster and a reckless rake in this sexy Regency romance by the award-winning author. With her London Season come and gone, desperately shy Imogen Duncan is a confirmed spinster at twenty-six. Now she must look on as her younger sister Mariah begins her own Season with her choice of handsome suitors. It is an exercise in stoic resignation—until an accidental kiss bring her unexpected adventure. Burying his guilt from a decade-old tragedy beneath a life of debauchery, Caleb Masters, Marquess of Willbridge, is content enough to meet willing widows in dark gardens to numb the pain. But he is wholly unprepared when an innocent young woman stumbles into him, turning his superficial world on its head. Drawn to the rogue who mistakenly stole her first kiss, Imogen finds not a suitor, but a friend. Free to be herself for the first time, she discovers a strength in herself she never knew she possessed. But when friendship turns to passion, Imogen will accept nothing less than Caleb's heart. Can a healing of the past lead to the promise of a future together?

Take a romp through the long eighteenth-century in this collection of 25 short tales. Marvel at the Queen's Ass, gaze at the celestial heavens through the eyes of the past

and be amazed by the equestrian feats of the Norwich Nymph. Journey to the debauched French court at Versailles, travel to Covent Garden and take your seat in a box at the theatre and, afterwards, join the mile-high club in a new-fangled hot air balloon. Meet actresses, whores and high-born ladies, politicians, inventors, royalty and criminals as we travel through the Georgian era in all its glorious and gruesome glory. In roughly chronological order, covering the reign of the four Georges, 1714-1730 and set within the framework of the main events of the era, these tales are accompanied by over 100 stunning color illustrations.

What ho! A new Jeeves and Wooster novel that is "impossible to read without grinning idiotically" (Evening Standard), penned in homage to P.G. Wodehouse by bestselling author Ben Schott -- in which literature's favorite master and servant become spies for the English Crown. The misadventures of Bertie Wooster and his incomparable personal gentleman, Jeeves, have delighted audiences for nearly a century. Now bestselling author Ben Schott brings this odd couple back to life in a madcap new adventure full of the hijinks, entanglements, imbroglios, and Wodehousian wordplay that readers love. In this latest uproarious adventure, the Junior Ganymede Club (an association of England's finest butlers and valets) is revealed to be an elite arm of the British secret service. Jeeves must ferret out a Fascist spy embedded in the highest social circles, and only his hapless employer, Bertie, can help. Unfolding in the background are school-chum capers, affairs of the heart, antics with aunts, and sartorial set-tos. Energized by Schott's effervescent prose, and fully authorized by the Wodehouse Estate, *JEEVES AND THE KING OF CLUBS* is a delight for lifelong fans and the perfect introduction to two of fiction's most beloved comic characters.

In nineteenth-century London, a clubbable man was a fortunate man, indeed. The Reform, the Athenaeum, the Travellers, the Carlton, the United Service are just a few of the gentlemen's clubs that formed the exclusive preserve known as "clubland" in Victorian London—the City of Clubs that arose during the Golden Age of Clubs. Why were these associations for men only such a powerful emergent institution in nineteenth-century London? Distinctly British, how did these single-sex clubs help fashion men, foster a culture of manliness, and assist in the project of nation building? What can elite male affiliative culture tell us about nineteenth-century Britishness? *A Room of His Own* sheds light on the mysterious ways of male associational culture as it examines such topics as fraternity, sophistication, nostalgia, social capital, celebrity, gossip, and male professionalism. The story of clubland (and the literature it generated) begins with Britain's military heroes home from the Napoleonic campaign and quickly turns to Dickens's and Thackeray's acrimonious Garrick Club Affair. It takes us to Richard Burton's curious Cannibal Club and Winston Churchill's *The Other Club*; it goes underground to consider Uranian desire and Oscar Wilde's clubbing and resurfaces to examine the problematics of belonging in Trollope's novels. The trespass of French socialist Flora Tristan, who cross-dressed her way into the clubs of Pall Mall, provides a brief interlude. London's clubland—this all-important room of his own—comes to life as Barbara Black explores the literary representations of clubland and the important social and cultural work that this urban site enacts. Our present-day culture of connectivity owes much to nineteenth-century sociability and Victorian networks; clubland reveals to us our own enduring desire to belong, to construct imagined communities, and to affiliate with like-minded comrades.

'Backing into the Spotlight is a hilarious and an unashamedly non-PC memoir . . . Now in his eighth decade, Whitehall is a fine raconteur, gloriously unreconstructed and still deeply suspicious of modernity' Daily Mail Standing in front of a full-length mirror in my dressing room at ITV studios, waiting to go on to the set of Backchat, I had a brief conversation with my reflection. 'Michael, what the f\*\*\* do you think you're doing?' Theatrical agent Michael Whitehall spent a career pushing others into the spotlight. He had been involved behind the scenes with the careers of many prominent actors, including Colin Firth, Richard Griffiths, Daniel Day-Lewis, Tom Courtenay, Ian Ogilvy, Judi Dench, Edward Fox, Michael Fassbender, Angela Thorne and Nigel Havers. But then, much to his surprise, his son Jack becomes a successful comedian and actor and decides that his new comedy partner should be his father. Whitehall Snr. finds himself reluctantly appearing on stage and then television, cast as the archetypal grumpy old man and thrust, in his early seventies, into a whole new career in front of the camera. Minor fame comes at a sedate pace: one of the highlights being a record £300,000 win for charity with Jack on Channel 4's The Million Pound Drop. In this enchanting memoir Whitehall looks back on his life, from growing up in suburban London in the 1940s and '50s with his saintly father and social climbing-mother, who coined the phrase 'à la carte' to describe people who were posher than she was and whose company she craved, to falling into a career as a successful theatrical agent and producer. As he says, 'Actors can be egotistical, greedy and vain, but they're not half as bad as agents and producers.' Charming, gossipy and above all very funny, Backing Into The Spotlight is no ordinary show business memoir.

\* Visit Fleming's (and Bond's) favorite hotels, restaurants, pubs and clubs as well as Fleming's birthplace and homes. \* Dress to kill at 007's private tailors. \* Rendezvous at the "Russian" hotel from "Golden-Eye", the "Hamburg" car park where Bond's BMW blazed into action in "Tomorrow Never Dies" and the "Afghan" air base from "The Living Daylights"- all without leaving London! \* The real-life and reel-life MI16HQ. Early London Homes of Sean Connery, Roger Moore, and Pierce Brosnan . Dozens of 007 landmarks and institutions, including the Bank of England, the Houses of Parliament, De Beers. Sotheby's, Harrods, Lloyd's, Scotland Yard, Tower Bridge, and more. Includes rare photographs, directions to locations, behind the scenes information on every site, comments from the filmmakers and actors and family and friends of Ian Fleming. With a Foreword by Bond Director Hunt and a Tribute to Ian Fleming by his cousin, actor Christopher Lee, James Bond's London is a must for armchair travelers and real-life adventurers alike.

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