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The Real Barry Humphries



Synopsis

WHERE DOES THE MEGASTAR DAME EDNA EVERAGE COME FROM? OR THAT DEPLORABLE DRUNK SIR LES PATTERSON? WHO CREATED THESE EXTRAORDINARY SYMBOLS OF OUR AGE? WHO IS BARRY HUMPHRIES? HOW MANY OTHER MASKS DOES HE WEAR? WHERE DOES HE COME FROM? IN THIS REVEALING BIOGRAPHY PETER COLEMAN TRACES HUMPHRIES' CAREER FROM HIS MELBOURNE CHILDHOOD IN THE OLD LOST AUSTRALIA OF THE 1930'S THROUGH HIS FIRST STEPS ON THE AUSTRALIAN STAGE ON TO HIS DESTINY AS THE GREATEST ONE-MAN SHOW MAN IN THEN WORLD.

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The oeuvre of Barry Humphries was provocative and was intended to be. He was marvelously funny, a lot of the time, and more than that he was a sophisticated artist and prolific writer, a great performer in many disciplines, dedicated to awakening the Australian populace in particular but not averse to riling other English speakers as well. I found it particularly provocative that in the 1950's he considered himself a Dadaist. THAT got me Googling stuff.

A terrific account of the life of Australia's most famous and controversial satirist. The biography is more satisfying than Humphries own autobiography "More Please" as it covers till the end of the 1980s and pays more attention to his numerous achievements. The language is not as poetic as Humphries writing but is clear, precise and poetic. In this biography you will discover the social and satirical content of Humphries shows since the 1960s, the Barry McKenzie comic strip and films of the 1960s and early 70s and more clever slang than you can poke a stick at. A must for Humphries enthusiasts.

Great fun.

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