



EDY WAS A LADY

FEATURING THE 'LOST' MEMOIRS OF DAME
ELLEN TERRY'S DAUGHTER EDITH CRAIG

Ann Rachlin

with a foreword by Sir Michael Holroyd

Edith Craig (1869-1947) – illegitimate, lesbian, suffragette – was the most extraordinary contributor to British Theatre of her time. As an actor on stage and in silent movies, she was also a brilliant costume designer, costume maker, stage producer, director and fencing expert. As she worked and toured throughout the UK and USA with her mother, world famous actress Dame Ellen Terry and Sir Henry Irving, her memoirs throw light on that iconic theatrical partnership, illuminating in a most colourful way the magic that gripped audiences everywhere. Not only did she meet and work with other illustrious names of the day including Sarah Bernhardt, Lillie Langtry, George Bernard Shaw, Alfred Lord Tennyson, J.M. Barrie, Thomas Beecham, Richard D'Oyly Carte, Queen Alexandra, King George V, but she also lived her personal life in a ménage à trois.

Edy began dictating her memoirs soon after Ellen Terry died in 1928 and revised them after the Second World War, just before she died in 1947. Now the memoirs are ready for all to read – complete with a lavish colourful collection of 64 rare photos and illustrations.

Edy was a Lady is a fabulous feast of recollections from one who for so long lived happily in the shadow of her mother, but is now in the spotlight in her own right.

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About the Author: Ann Rachlin, who by chance acquired the memoirs in 1978, has worked extensively on them, putting them in correct chronological order and enhancing them with appropriate descriptions of those who made a personal impact on Edy's colourful life and career. Ann is an author, speaker and EMI recording artist as a musical storyteller. Internationally acclaimed, she has performed with orchestras at festivals in UK, USA and Australia. Her eleven published books and twenty-three CDs sell worldwide. Ann lives in East Sussex and is a Fellow of Grey College Durham University.

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