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Ian Richardson Remembered Sharon Mail

We Could Possibly Comment pays tribute to much-loved actor Ian Richardson, famous for his stunning portrayal of Francis Urquhart in *House of Cards* and as a star of the Royal Shakespeare Company. This first book to be written about the actor contains contributions from more than fifty actors, directors, producers and other admirers, as well as previously unpublished excerpts from a lengthy interview conducted by the author.

Edinburgh-born Richardson was one of the foremost actors of his generation. He spent 15 years with the Royal Shakespeare Company, where he was recognised as one of the truly great classical actors. A career in television and film followed and, as well as his unrivalled, award-winning performance in *House of Cards*, he starred in dramas such as *Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy*, *Private Schulz*, and *Gormenghast*. He also played, to great acclaim, both Sherlock Holmes and the man credited with being the inspiration for the character, Dr Joseph Bell, in *Murder Rooms*.

This book paints a portrait not only of an actor hugely admired and respected as a consummate, highly gifted performer, but also of the most generous-hearted man, who was deeply in love with his devoted wife, Maroussia. In addition, he was loved and revered by those who worked with him and followed his career. Dame Judi Dench, Dame Helen Mirren, Sir Peter Hall, Sir Ian McKellen, Andrew Davies, Juliet Stephenson, Stacy Keach and Joanne Woodward are but a few of the people who share a great admiration for and gratitude towards the actor.

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