



## CLAUD MULLINS: REBEL, REFORMER, REACTIONARY

New book by his granddaughter draws  
on unpublished letters and diaries to  
reveal true vision of historic law reformer

'A magnificent and important account of an extraordinary man ...no one with an interest in the family justice system should be without this book.' Stephen Cretney QC, Emeritus Fellow of All Souls College, Oxford

Emma Dally remembered her grandfather as a remote and bad-tempered old man constantly complaining about his noisy grandchildren. She knew he had once been one of the most famous men in Britain but she didn't know why. Thirty-five years after Claud's death, Emma began to read his private diaries and unpublished memoirs. Suddenly she was interested. Reading through the diaries and other papers, she began to recognise her grandfather as a remarkable and forceful individual who, from the lowly judicial position of stipendiary magistrate, had succeeded in getting the law changed several times.

In many ways Claud Mullins was ahead of his time, refusing to send anyone under twenty to prison, separating family disputes from criminal cases in his own court, sending sex offenders to psychiatrists instead of punishing them, and campaigning to educate the working class about sex and family planning and incurring the wrath of church leaders who did not think birth control was for the masses. He believed that courts had a social as well as judicial role and strove to save working-class marriages whenever he could. A brilliant propagandist who was never afraid to say what he thought, he made enemies along the way, culminating in his being denounced in the House of Commons by Herbert Morrison, Peter Mandelson's grandfather. His diaries also revealed the sad truth that the man dubbed the 'Marriage Mender' by the press, had serious sexual and relationship problems of his own.

Emma Dally has written an honest and revealing biography of her eccentric grandfather, which will be of interest to anyone curious about family law, family dynamics and human nature. Emma Dally is the author of several books, including three novels and a family memoir. She is Group Director of Books for the National Magazine Company and is married to the food and wine writer, Richard Ehrlich, with whom she has three children. She divides her time between London and West Sussex.

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