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Biographer of Derek Jacobi's 'As Luck Would Have it', Garry O'Connor, has made his four critically-acclaimed Great British Actor biographies available as one eBook bundle!

Alec Guinness (1914- 2000) was the fascinating and enigmatic actor who appeared in 77 films and 55 plays. This definitive biography covers all the many subterfuges in the parts he played, and in life. "A truly brilliant detective study... One of the truly great actor biographies of our time," wrote Sheridan Morley in The Literary Review. "It goes far beyond the reach of most such books, and is [O'Connor's] best book so far," said Simon Callow in the Guardian.

Paul Scofield (1920-2002), Oscar prize-winner, was undoubtedly, one of the greatest, if not the greatest British actor of his generation, and even the world. Many actors, theatre and film lovers have, and will continue, to find this biography a great inspiration. It is an exemplary and astounding book about an outstanding actor and man.

Dame Peggy Ashcroft (1907-1991) was indubitably the greatest English classical actress of the 20th-century, and this is the first and only biography of her. It explores and records not only her marvellous career, but also the secrets, the mysteries, and passionate affairs of her private life. "A great achievement" said The Times, 'the revelations of her promiscuity do not diminish Ashcroft but rather add to her complexities as both an artist and a woman'.

Ralph Richardson (1902-1983) forged from humble beginnings a career of world rank, equal to that of Laurence Olivier and John Gielgud. Everyone in the theatrical and film world had a Richardson story, invariably hilarious if not puzzling, about this lovable and unpredictable character. Garry O'Connor's ground-breaking biography, first published in 1982 and reprinted many times, captures the essence of the great eccentric who dominated twentieth century British theatre, and the magic of his unforgettable performances. The New York Times called it, 'the best biography of an actor I've ever read'.

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