

Blue Eyes and a Wild Spirit

A Life of Dorothy Wellesley

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ABOUT THIS BOOK

Dorothy Wellesley was a poet, gardener, traveller and heiress; she was also bisexual and a rebel. She became the lover of Vita Sackville-West, wrecking her marriage to the Duke of Wellington. She was the intimate friend of W.B. Yeats in his final years. On the fringes of the Bloomsbury Group, she had a unique view of these iconic writers and artists.

The biography draws on unpublished material, including private Wellesley family papers and hitherto unknown source materials to create a riveting story of a complex and fascinating woman.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

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PRAISE FOR *BLUE EYES AND A WILD SPIRIT*

'A fascinating portrait of a reckless and maverick member of one of the nation's most famous families, told by her granddaughter with clear-eyed vigour.'

Alexandra Shulman, former editor of British Vogue

KEY SELLING POINTS

- Brings a forgotten poet and fascinating, pioneering woman to the forefront
- New materials from family sources
- A fresh take on the Bloomsbury Group from a writer on the fringes
- Shines a light on a close relationship with W.B. Yeats, offering an interesting new perspective

PRAISE FOR PREVIOUS BOOKS

'Wellesley writes reverently, lovingly and without sentimentality... a most engaging book'

The Times

'With enough material to furnish volumes, Wellesley has managed to concentrate the flotsam of six generations into an absolutely riveting whole.'

Daily Mail

'A fascinating, richly anecdotal family biography'

The Spectator



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