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Diana Mosley: A Life

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Faber & Faber, London, 1999. Trade paperback. Condition: New. New. No dust jacket as issued. 320p., [16]p. of plates: ill.; 22 cm. From Publishers Weekly Diana Mosley (b. 1910) was part of England's Mitford family--whose members included Nancy, the novelist, and Jessica, the leftist and author of the muckraking The American Way of Death. Dalley, literary editor of London's Financial Times, ably describes Diana's unconventional upper-class childhood (satirized in 1945 by Nancy in The Pursuit of Love), her development into a beautiful debutante and her life after her marriage to the wealthy Bryan Guinness at age 18. But the bulk of the book--and its most controversial portion-deals with the years 1933-1945, when Diana, then mother of two, left her marriage to live as the mistress of Oswald Mosley, leader of the British Union of Fascists. Married and a notorious womanizer, Mosley had hopscotched from one political party to another until he settled on fascism. (Eventually, she divorced Guinness, and when Mosley's wife died, he and Diana were married at ground zero of fascist Europe: in Goebbels's home.) Notorious in England for their pro-German stance, the Oswalds spent the war years in prison; after WWII, they went back to their...



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