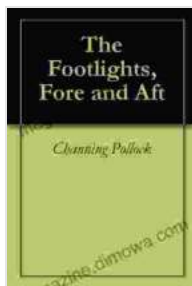


The Footlights Fore And Aft: A Voyage of Discovery and Laughter



The Footlights, Fore and Aft by John Chapman

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Prepare yourself for a side-splitting journey into the world of Footlights, the legendary Cambridge University comedy club that has launched the careers of some of the biggest names in British comedy. In his hilarious and heartwarming memoir, *The Footlights Fore And Aft*, author and former Footlights president John Cleese shares his unforgettable tales of student pranks, backstage blunders, and the origins of some of the most iconic comedy sketches ever written.

From his early days as a wide-eyed fresher to his triumphant years as Footlights president, Cleese paints a vivid picture of the club's unique culture and the extraordinary characters who have graced its stage. He recounts the infamous "Cambridge Footlights Revue" that was banned by the university authorities, the night that a live pigeon was accidentally released during a performance, and the time that a guest comedian

mistook the audience for a group of schoolchildren. Through it all, Cleese's wit and self-deprecating humor shine through, making *The Footlights Fore And Aft* a must-read for fans of British comedy and anyone who loves a good laugh.

But *The Footlights Fore And Aft* is more than just a collection of funny anecdotes. It is also a fascinating insight into the creative process behind some of the most beloved comedy sketches in history. Cleese reveals the origins of classic sketches such as "The Dead Parrot Sketch," "The Four Yorkshiremen Sketch," and "The Ministry of Silly Walks." He also shares his thoughts on the importance of collaboration, timing, and the art of making people laugh.

Whether you're a lifelong fan of Footlights or simply looking for a good laugh, *The Footlights Fore And Aft* is the perfect book for you. With its side-splitting stories, fascinating insights, and wealth of laugh-out-loud moments, it is a true voyage of discovery and laughter.

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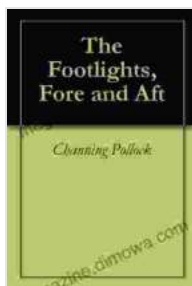
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About the Author

John Cleese is a British actor, comedian, and writer. He is best known as a member of the Monty Python comedy troupe, and for his roles in films such as *A Fish Called Wanda*, *Fawlty Towers*, and *Life of Brian*. Cleese was president of the Cambridge Footlights Club from 1963 to 1964.



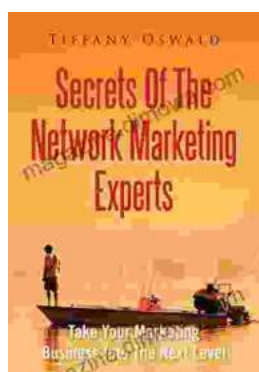
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