

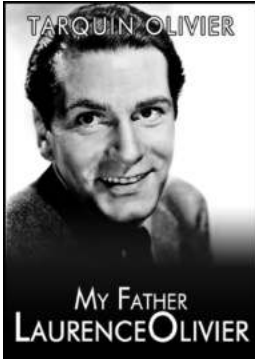
# My Father Laurence Olivier Tarquin Olivier - A Legendary Figure in the Entertainment World



When it comes to the realm of performing arts, only a handful of individuals have managed to leave an indelible mark on the stage and screen. My father, Laurence Olivier Tarquin Olivier, was one such extraordinary talent whose influence can still be felt today.

## The Early Years

Born on May 22, 1907, in Dorking, Surrey, England, Laurence Olivier's journey towards becoming a legendary figure in the entertainment world began at a young age. His innate passion for performing arts was evident from the earliest years of his life.



## My Father Laurence Olivier

by Tarquin Olivier (Kindle Edition)

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With a natural flair for acting and an undeniable talent, Olivier took part in various school plays and local theater productions during his formative years. These experiences served as the foundation for his future success.

### Rise to Stardom

Olivier's undeniable talent caught the attention of renowned theater companies, earning him opportunities to perform professionally. His breakthrough came in 1927 when he joined the Birmingham Repertory Theatre. From there, Olivier's career took off, and he quickly became a household name in the theater scene.

His portrayal of Shakespearean characters, such as Hamlet, Macbeth, and Richard III, was hailed as exceptional, captivating audiences with his versatility

and ability to breathe life into the roles. Olivier's contributions to stage performances during the 1930s and 1940s reshaped the way theater was perceived and opened doors for future generations of actors.

Not content with conquering the theater world alone, Olivier also made a significant impact in the film industry. His debut film, "Q Planes," released in 1939, showcased the actor's ability to seamlessly transition between stage and screen. Olivier's portrayal of Heathcliff in the 1939 adaptation of Emily Brontë's "Wuthering Heights" solidified his status as a versatile actor.

## **A Legacy that Transcends Time**

Throughout his illustrious career, Laurence Olivier earned numerous accolades, including four Academy Awards, seven Laurence Olivier Awards, five BAFTA Awards, and countless others. His performances in iconic movies such as "Henry V," "Hamlet," and "Richard III" remain benchmarks for aspiring actors.

Aside from his impressive filmography, Olivier's dedication to promoting theater arts extended beyond his personal achievements. He co-founded the National Theatre in London, which became the hallmark of British theater. His influence on the next generation of actors, directors, and writers cannot be overstated.

Olivier's contributions to the entertainment world earned him a place in cultural history, inspiring countless individuals to pursue their passions and break barriers in the performing arts.

## **An Everlasting Inspiration**

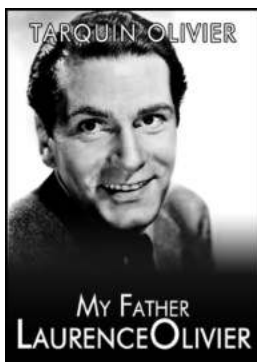
My father, Laurence Olivier Tarquin Olivier, left an indelible mark on the entertainment industry. His commitment, talent, and unwavering passion for

acting serve as a constant reminder that with dedication and perseverance, greatness can be achieved.

As his child, I am honored to carry his legacy forward and continue to celebrate the incredible contributions he made to the world of performing arts. The impact he had on the stage and screen will continue to inspire generations to come.

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‘What we have lost with Laurence Olivier is glory.’

My Father Laurence Olivier is a touching account of a son’s idolisation of his father -- one of the greatest actors ever to have graced both the British stage and Hollywood’s screens.

In revealing detail it tells the story of Olivier's breakthrough on the stage to the legendary screen performances that made him a global star. From roles such as Henry V and Hamlet to Heathcliff and Max de Winter in Hitchcock's Rebecca, Olivier became one of the world's most celebrated personalities.

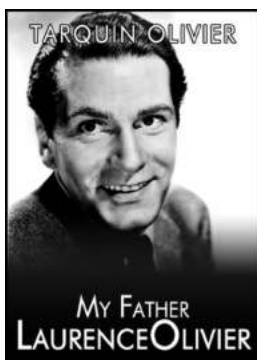
But in real life Olivier was as troubled and brooding as he was on screen.

In unflinching detail, his son details his youthful marriage to Tarquin's mother, Jill, and its subsequent breakdown after she fell pregnant, as well as describing his passionate but tumultuous relationship with another great star of the era, Vivien Leigh

With snippets from letters sent to Vivien, Jill and Tarquin over the years and first-hand accounts from family members, My Father Laurence Olivier tells the fascinating life-story of one of the most revered actors of all time.

'A remarkably candid book that will cause every biography of Laurence Olivier to be revised. Written with vivid recall, critical insight and narrative skill.' - Alexander Walker, Evening Standard.

'Tarquin captures his father's gaiety, his rococo speech, his shameless showmanship, his rude remarks about other actors and his schoolboy humour.' - Lynn Barber, The Independent.



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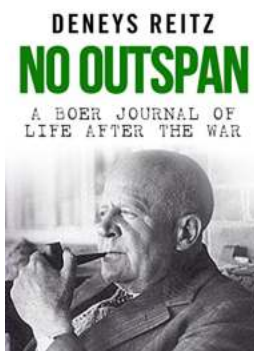
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