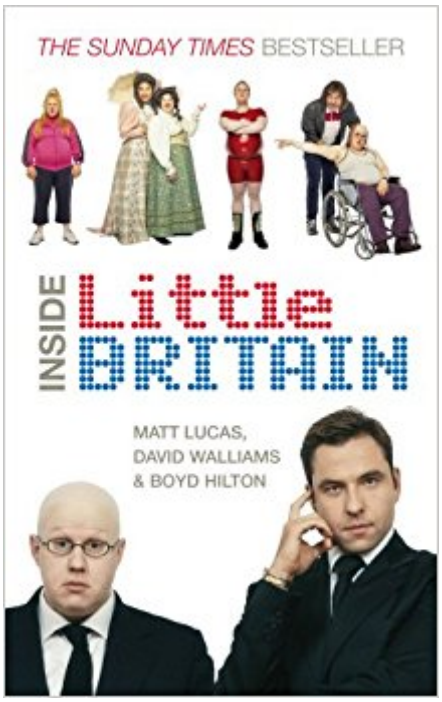
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Synopsis

Written together with friend and journalist Boyd Hilton, this is a look at a year in the lives of Matt Lucas and David Walliams—the good, the bad, the mundane, and the monumental. The year covered includes a mammoth nine-month Spinal Tap-esque tour where Little Britain goes in search of Great Britain. This milestone book offers an unrivaled close-up of a classic British comedy act, as it happens, at the height of its powers. But it is also a journey into their pasts, reflecting on how they achieved their success. It covers their childhoods, family life, and early comedy performances as they found their feet; their complex friendship and working relationship; and the increasingly insane world they now inhabit. Mixing memoir and travelogue to paint an engrossing portrait of fame and comic genius, Inside Little Britain is a candid look inside the celebrity bubble in all its glamour and awfulness.

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"An anecdote-laden treat, from tour secrets to teenage silks" Zoo "Two of the most addictive, influential and side-splittingly funny comics of our time ... yeah, but no buts, this is a real must for fans" OK Hot Stars "Essential reading" Company "A must-read" Daily Telegraph "A fascinating insight into one of the world’s greatest comic double acts" Heat

Matt Lucas began his career as a stand-up at the tender age of 18 and went on to find fame as George Dawes on Shooting Stars. He met comedy writing partner David Walliams at the National Youth Theatre, and together they went on to create the cult TV series, Rock Profile, and latterly the

phenomenally successful Little Britain.

This book has taken on new significance for me since recent revelations about British news organizations allegedly using phone hacking and other legally questionable means to dig up private information about politicians, celebrities and crime victims in order to manipulate, exploit and intimidate them--what the comedian Steve Coogan called a "protection racket." Although this book delivers on its title's promise of a VIP backstage pass to Matt Lucas and David Walliams' "Little Britain Live" stage tour, there's a darker undercurrent to the narrative that I believe has to do with the purported racket that, if it was after Steve Coogan, would certainly have targeted Lucas and Walliams at the height of their "Little Britain" driven popularity in 2005-6, the time period documented in this book.The wary relationship between Lucas and Walliams and the media is constantly at the forefront. Matt and David are continually checking the papers (particularly the tabloids) to see what's being said about them. A press reception is a treacherous swim through shark-infested waters, while an upcoming unauthorized TV documentary about them is an occasion for dread, particularly for David. The first time I read the book I was shocked at how much personal information David allowed to be included in it, particularly about his sex life and psychological issues--was he naive or just given bad advice by his PR people? I now realize that, finding himself suddenly under a viciously prurient level of scrutiny as an A-list celebrity, it was probably very sensible for him to preempt the scandalmongers by telling it all himself. As for Matt, the depiction here of his contented domestic life on the road with his partner seems sad and perhaps questionable now, given the tragedy that ensued.Like the targets of the Leveson inquiry, we tend to be cynical about people in the public eye, believing that free publicity more than makes up for being allowed no privacy. I think the inhumanity of that attitude is illustrated by the level of misery that was endured by these two harmless clowns who were just trying to put on a good show.

This book is very personal and intimate. It's very fun to read!! It follows Matt & David on their live tour. It also takes you back every once in a while how they met, how they first started out, about their childhood, friends, families, love life, etc.It's very interesting and makes you feel "closer" to the two masterminds behind all those brilliant characters! :)HIGHLY RECOMMENDED!!

Very well written. The author is a close friend of Walliams and Lucas and spends time with them on their tour. It's well written and provides a lot of information about these two very talented comedians.

great and fun read!

I’m a huge Little Britain fan, i love to watch it over and over and it really get my stress out. I recommend all the seasons. I always have a good time watching it.

Great book for any Little Britain fan out there.And once again makes purchasing quick and painless.

I am way late to discover Little Britain, David Walliams and Matt Lucas, but wow!! am I ever grateful that I HAVE found them. In my humble opinion, they are two of the funniest people on the planet, just pure genius. Inside Little Britain follows David and Matt during their they 150 date live tour and doesn’t feel controlled at all, instead very honest and forthcoming. It bounces back and forth between the present on tour and their pasts and how they weathered the tough times. Very well written and very detailed. Talk about love of their craft. Matt and David are geniuses. Makes you love them all the more. If you love Little Britain, you will love this book too. I highly recommend it.

I am new to Little Britain, becoming a fan after seeing David Walliams at a taping of the Graham Norton show in London last March. He was so amazing and brilliant, I immediately went out and bought the Little Britain boxset, watching every episode and all the extras, the live show, the Comic Relief sketches, etc. I have never laughed so hard in my life. The book came next and I read the whole thing from cover to cover in one day. It was fascinating taking a look into their lives and reading the behind the scenes stuff from the show and the tour. Very well written and kept my interest going, not one dull spot in the book. It made me love David and Matt and Little Britain even more. I can’t wait to see what the future holds for these talented performers.

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