



Lucky Him: The Biography of Kingsley Amis (Hardback)

By Richard Bradford

Peter Owen Publishers, United Kingdom, 2001. Hardback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. The works of the late Kingsley Amis will surely stand as some of the most original and brilliantly crafted contributions to post-war English fiction. Yet, in the light of his recently published Letters and Martin Amis s Experience, it would appear that our understanding of this writer needs to be entirely re-thought. Kingsley Amis frequently affirmed that his fiction was not based on his life; he even issued an elaborate note of denial in a TLS essay called Real and Made-up People ; if some parallels were obvious (Jim Dixon in Lucky Jim was, like his creator an impoverished young academic in a provincial university), they were hardly worth comment, and the one novel by that time - 1973 - that was based on real people and actual events (I Like It Here) was written out of laziness or sagging invention and was by common consent, my worst . However Professor Richard Bradford would argue in this book, the first serious study of the writer in almost a decade and the first to incorporate his Letters, that Amis s fiction stands as one of the...

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