



Not at All What One is Used To: The Life and Times of Isabella Gardner (Hardback)

By Marian Janssen

University of Missouri Press, United States, 2010. Hardback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. Born in 1915 to one of New England's elite wealthy families, Isabella Gardner was expected to follow a certain path in life--one that would take her from marriageable debutante to proper society lady. But that plan was derailed when at age eighteen, Isabella caused a drunk-driving accident. Her family, to shield her from disgrace, sent her to Europe for acting studies, not foreseeing how life abroad would fan the romantic longings and artistic impulses that would define the rest of Isabella's years. In *Not at All What One Is Used To*, author Marian Janssen tells the story of this passionate, troubled woman, whose career as a poet was in constant compromise with her wayward love life and her impulsive and reckless character. Life took Gardner from the theater world of the 1930s and 40s to the poetry scene of the 50s and 60s to the wild, bohemian art life of New York's Hotel Chelsea in the 70s. She often followed where romance, rather than career, led her. At nineteen, she had an affair with a future president of Ireland, then married and...



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