



Alasdair Gray A Secretary's Biography. (Signed Copy).

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Bloomsbury, UK, 2008. Hardcover. Book Condition: New. Dust Jacket Condition: New. First Edition. Signed by Author. 352 pages, with illustrations. Alasdair Gray was not always the rapidly ageing, fat Glasgow pedestrian he likes to describe on the inside leaf of his book. There was once a time when he was young. A time when he was really rather thin. Many years when he went unpublished and unrecognised. The book aims to document, as faithfully as possible, that journey from son of a box-maker, encouraged to paint, write and do whatever made him feel good, to septuagenarian "little grey deity" (as Will Self has called him). Suiting the form to the subject, Rodge Glass brings the inventive techniques of Gray's fiction to bear on the biographer's role, weaving into the chronological narrative of Gray's life his own diary of meeting getting to know and working with the artist, writer and campaigner. From Gray's Riddrie childhood, student days at the Glasgow School of Art and the slow evolution of Lanark, through the chaos, instability and eventual achievement of his middle years, to the proliferation and flowering of his late projects, such as his Oran Mor mural and his latest novel, Old Men...



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