



Stephen Spender: A Literary Life (Hardback)

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Oxford University Press, USA, United States, 2005. Hardback. Book Condition: New. 236 x 166 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.One of the leading poets and cultural icons of the 20th century, Stephen Spender was a prominent writer, literary critic, and social commentator--and close friend of some of the best-know creative talents of his day. Now, in this penetrating biography, John Sutherland paints a vivid portrait of Spender and of the glittering literary world of which he was a part, drawing on exclusive access to Spender s private papers. This briskly paced, compelling narrative illuminates the vast range of Spender s literary, political, and artistic interests. We follow Spender from childhood to his days at Oxford (where he first became friends with W.H. Auden, Christopher Isherwood, and Isaiah Berlin); to his meteoric rise as poet in the 1930s, while still in his twenties; to his later years as cultural statesman, at home in both Britain and America. We witness many of the century s defining moments through Spender s eyes: the Spanish Civil War, World War II, the Cold War, the 1960s sexual revolution, and the rise of America as a cultural force. And along...



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