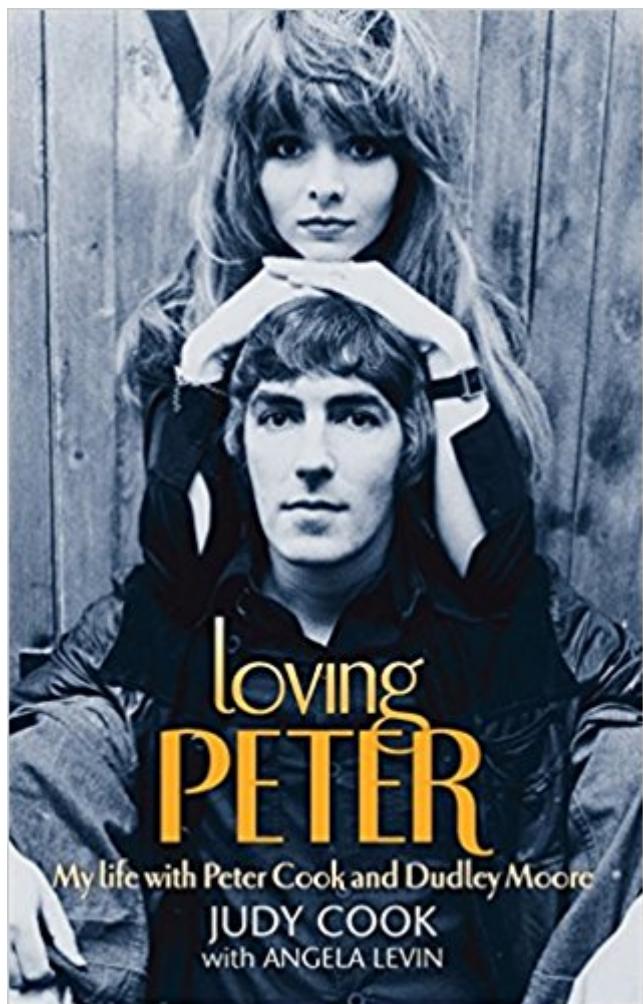


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Loving Peter: My Life With Peter Cook And Dudley Moore



Synopsis

Judy Huxtable, a beautiful Swinging Sixties model and actress, met and fell in love with Peter Cook in 1967. They were together during the memorable hit shows 'Behind the Fridge' and 'Derek and Clive', divorcing in 1989. Being intimate with Peter meant that Judy was inevitably close to Peter's comic partner, Dudley Moore, and they all formed an extraordinary bond. She was in a unique position to observe the special relationship that Peter and Dud shared, and the rivalry that existed between them. In LOVING PETER, Judy gives a perceptive and poignant account of the Peter Cook that only she knew. She writes with a mix of humour, insight and sadness about one of the funniest, most enigmatic and troubled men on the planet. She describes what he was like as a husband, performer, friend, father and man and gives an inside view of what really made him tick; why he seemed to want to destroy those he loved the most; how he succumbed to the destructive forces of drink and drugs; and how he and Dudley really got on.

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Judy Huxtable met Peter Cook in 1967. They married in 1974, and divorced in 1989. Until now, she has never revealed her story. Angela Levin is an award-winning journalist and a successful ghostwriter. Her previous work includes 'Read All About It' by Max Clifford.

We miss Peter. Nice to hear about his life before we knew him.

I bought this book as I've always liked Peter Cook and Dudley Moore. However from the off it was obvious that this wasn't your usual seeping with false sentiment and unrealistic adoration of a pair of comic geniuses. What strikes me as I read this was that Judy manages to make you dislike them, yet her whining indifference and absolute refusal to stand up for herself are both annoying and self indulgent. I really felt for this woman as I read the first half, then as she lets herself appear indifferent to Cooks constant infidelity, and drunken rages, going as far as to say that when she lost her dad he wasn't in the slightest kind or supportive to her, that was at the beginning of their relationship I personally would have told him to bugger off at this point. Anyhow every time he goes from despicable to vile, for example he allegedly shared a prostitute with Dudley on more than one occasion, and Judy then has to go to a doctor and has blocked fallopian tubes due to some vile sexually transmitted disease. She even has cervical cancer and is so accepting of this as she has some of her cervix removed, again relating that she understands poor Peter and how he is such a sensitive man, and it's not his fault. God it's so annoying I really felt for her but when she gets treated more and more atrociously she just doesn't react in a normal sane way. Is it her low self esteem etc. or is it the power of celebrity has over her? To be fair in the beginning she seemed to have her own successful career until she dropped it all for him. Dudley Moore isn't much mentioned in the book there are no real stories relating to him just the odd mention of him and his wife Tuesday who again treats Judy so appallingly after sleeping with Cook it's laughable. I personally couldn't or wouldn't want the world to know if I'd have been so subservient and forgiving of basically a mentally ill man, who whether kind or sensitive in more sober times was a monster, and yes I know the cliche of the haunted comic genius who is impossible to live with. Dudley comes across as an uncaring self serving ass, but of course he went after Judy just because she was mad about Peter. It makes you wonder what on earth was going on. If you like reading the gossip pages and the likes of Heat magazine then this is for you. A good read in terms of dissing the dirt on two of British comedys icons of the 60s and 70s but leave well alone if you have fond feelings for this man because I

honestly can say that I'll never enjoy anything of his fully again, even if only 10% of this book were true.

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