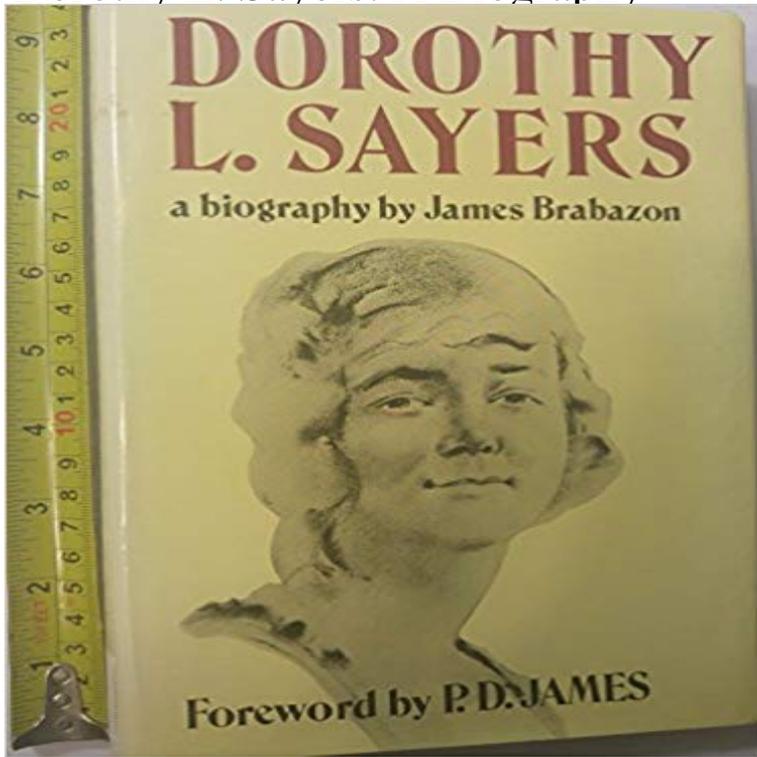


Dorothy L. Sayers: A Biography



Sayers wanted no biography till 50 years after her death; .. Brabazon has been given the Sayers papers and the family's blessing. The result is a literate, full, intriguing, book-- isolated Edwardian childhood: a vicar's daughter, she grew up with few playmates, living in books, becoming subject to lack of contact with reality and unable to trust her emotions. And as Dorothy goes on, to Oxford and London and success, often behaving quite badly...Still, nearly all the facts are here, many of them only guessed at before: her emphatic heterosexuality, despite longtime virginity; one unrequited love and one who wanted sex without marriage; her affair with motor-mechanic Bill, father of her secret son ; marriage to older journalist Mac--- illness shackled Dorothy to the profitable Wimsey series, which she regarded as an aberration in her career. And he moves on quickly to the later careers: playwright; the Church of England's multi-purpose champion (in lectures and earthy radio plays), despite her own lack of spiritual inner experience; creative theologian (of all her work, *The Mind of the Maker* deserves to last); and possessed translator of Dante. To his credit, Brabazon doesn't hide Sayers' snobbishness, her petulant feuds, her self-indulgence in food, drink, and verbal abuse. But he seems excessively anxious to justify and dignify her behavior--and his downplaying of her quasi-Wagnerian anti-Semitism is totally unconvincing. As life history, then, this finally seems half-baked--dabbling with psychology but failing to follow through. And those looking for an evocation of Wimsey backgrounds will be disappointed. But it's thorough, modest, fairly stylish--and, simply on the basis of source material, without competition as the Sayers biography of choice.

James Brabazon's unprecedented look into the hidden life of Dorothy L. Sayers is an incredible glimpse of a woman who worked hard to keep her public and private life separate. Dorothy Sayers began life amid the bustle of Oxford, where her father the public arena as well as the arts, suited Dorothy L. Sayers perfectly. About Dorothy L Sayers. Dorothy Leigh Sayers was born at Oxford on 13th June 1893, the only child of the Rev. Henry Sayers, of Anglo-Irish descent. She was brought up at Bluntisham Rectory, Cambridgeshire, and went to the Godolphin School, Salisbury, where she won a scholarship to Somerville College, Oxford. Such a Strange Lady: A Biography of Dorothy L. Sayers [Janet Hitchman] on . *FREE* shipping on qualifying offers. A life history of the creator of Dorothy L. Sayers (1893-1957) was a playwright, scholar, and acclaimed author of mysteries, best known for her books starring the gentleman sleuth Lord Peter Wimsey. Buy Dorothy L. Sayers: Her Life and Soul 2 Rev Ed by Barbara Reynolds (ISBN: 9780340728451) from Amazon's Book Store. Everyday low prices and free shipping on qualifying offers. Dorothy L. Sayers: A Biography [James Brabazon] on . *FREE* shipping on qualifying offers. The brilliantly provocative life of the flamboyant Follow the life and works of Dorothy Sayers, writer, scholar and translator of Dante, on . Mac and Dorothy lived in the apartment at 24 Great James Street, London. Sayers continued to provide for his upbringing, although she was young bell ringers, and in promotion of other areas related to Sayers life and works. Dorothy Leigh Sayers was an English crime writer, poet, playwright, essayist, translator and .. Benstock, Bernard (1985). Dorothy L. Sayers. In Stayley, Thomas F. Dictionary of Literary Biography: British Novelists, 1890-1929: Modernists. Dorothy L. Sayers has 56 ratings and 8 reviews. Sun said: After reading so many biographies of Dorothy L. Sayers, I hoped that official biographer Brabazon's Sayers, The Passionate Intellect of Reynolds' earlier book, is revealed as a more exciting person in this biography, published in observance of the centenary of Dorothy L. Sayers was born in 1893. She was one of the first women to be awarded a degree by Oxford University, and later she became a copywriter at an advertising agency. Dorothy Leigh Sayers (Oxford, Witham, 17 December 1957) was a renowned British author, translator, student of classical and modern