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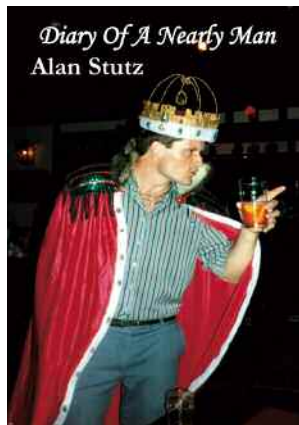
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For a so-called "ordinary, run of the mill" man, **Alan Stutz** has had more than his fair share of extraordinary events that have helped to colour and offset his otherwise dull wardrobe!

Born in Bedford, just before **The Beatles** hit the big time, unlike the *Fab Four*, his humble beginnings have never been left behind. Largely on account that his current living is still as humble as it was! The breaks that have seen others become famous philanthropists; musicians, comedians, fashion designers or politicians have by-passed **Stutz**.

Some say his awfully cheap, decrepit footwear has held him back, others that he is to the fashion world what Josef Stalin was to public relations. Or was he always destined to have only *nearly* made a name for himself?

Diary Of A Nearly Man recalls all the ups and downs of **Stutz's** days in Bedford, before departing in 1989 for a new life in Newcastle.

Wine, women and song, might be one way to describe the majority of escapades that fashioned Stutz's days in his hometown, however, *Guinness*, girls and gigs is a more accurate description.

They are the catalyst for the many hilarious events that have shaped the *Nearly Man* as he struggled to wrestle with drunken calamities, a string of girls that packed him in, and plenty of loud rock 'n' roll.

The number of girls that refused to even talk to him on account of his appalling dress sense is offset by the many wonderful memories that Stutz recalls in the world of entertainment with the aforementioned rock stars plus his conflict with political heavyweight **Lord Heseltine** and a bag of soil!

Behind his truly inexcusable jumpers, worn-out trainers and twenty-year old t-shirts, lies a man of wit, wisdom and more **Cramps** records than any self-respecting person would own up to!

A man who has ventured to Stafford Bingley Hall more than once, been snubbed by Swedish actress **Britt Ekland** and even attempted to shoot **Kate Bush**! (With a camera).

This is the true-life story of Britain's most inconsequential style-guru and his attempts to not change the world but himself, with nothing more than a *Zorki 4K Rangefinder* and an eight-foot scarf that his mum knitted.

This is the story of the *Nearly Man* - **Alan Stutz**!

Dubbed Britain's "least well-known fashion enigma", for thirty years **Alan Stutz** has kept a daily diary. Now in his first book in almost fifty years the real life, true diaries of **Stutz's** early years in his hometown of Bedford are brought together; all the highs and lows recounted as they actually happened.

Haven't heard of him? Well let's face it, how many people in Britain had heard of Hitler before he invaded Poland? That doesn't mean that **Stutz** has anything in common with the former German Führer, but his hilarious life story will certainly invade your mind!

Stutz may not be as well-known as fashion gurus such as Yves Saint Laurent but he has hobnobbed with some of the rich and famous. Read his stories involving **Britt Ekland**, **Kate Bush** and the (then) Environment Secretary **Michael Heseltine**. His encounters with many from the world of rock music including **Led Zeppelin's Robert Plant**, **Status Quo**, **Deep Purple**, **The Stray Cats**, **Kiss**, **Slade's Don Powell** and the legendary **Rough Mix** are also detailed throughout this incredible tome.

In addition to all this, how many people do you know that have also walked through plate glass doors unscathed, been stopped drunk in possession of a push bike two nights running or invited a girl out on a date to her own birthday party?

All the ups and downs of the *Nearly Man* are documented in this Monty Python-esque tome. **Stutz** might not be as famous as *Michael Palin*, but his diaries guarantee more laughter than a hyena! This is undoubtedly the funniest book he has ever written.

"Alan Stutz isn't only one of Britain's most enigmatic fashion gurus, he is also a very puzzling man with appalling dress sense".

Jean-Paul Saint-Laurent

"More riveting than the Titanic".

Ship Builder's Weekly

"Put alongside War & Peace or the works of Oscar Wilde, you soon realise that Stutz's diaries are in a different league entirely".

The Newcastle Telegraph

"I haven't laughed as much as this since yesterday".

The Fulham Citizen

"Shakespeare, Dickens and J.K Rowling are undoubtedly some of Britain's greatest literary figures of the past five-hundred years".

The New York Literature Review

If Stutz is a literary genius then my name is Lord Lucan".

Richard Bingham



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