



Mistresses

True Stories of Seduction, Power and Ambition

by Leigh Eduardo

‘A TRIUMPHANT ACHIEVEMENT’
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Mistresses is a collection of highly entertaining mini-biographies of eight women from the last 300 years who have used their sexuality to procure power and, in some cases, great wealth. From Charles II's favourite mistress, Barbara Villiers, to the fabulous La Belle Otero, and including, amongst others, Emma Hamilton, Lola Montez, George Sand, Eva Braun and Marion Davies, *Mistresses* is a fascinating exploration of these remarkable women's courage and ambition. Spanning over three centuries and covering three continents, *Mistresses* is full of colourful characters who have used their sexuality to procure remarkable power, scandalising their contemporaries and forging reputations that have endured well beyond the grave.

- **Packed full of gossipy anecdotes, this is popular history at its sparkling best.**
- **The lives and loves of eight extraordinary women whose affairs made history**
- **Includes a wealth of original material gleaned from the author's extensive research in Europe, Australia and the United States of America**
- **In the bestselling tradition of Katie Hickman's *Courtesans***

About the Author

Leigh Eduardo is a writer and historian whose research for *Mistresses* has taken him all over the world. Originally educated at Durham University (which he hated) and the Guildhall School of Music and Drama (which he adored) has enjoyed a long and varied career in the theatre and dance world, before giving it up to concentrate on travelling, writing and teaching theatre. Over the years, he has won numerous awards for his fiction, poetry and travel-writing. Based in London, his latest project is about the four nieces of Cardinal Mazarin.

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