



## Romany and Tom: A Memoir (Paperback)

By Ben Watt

Bloomsbury Publishing PLC, United Kingdom, 2015. Paperback. Condition: New. Reprint. Language: English . Brand New Book. Ben Watt's father, Tommy, was a working-class Glaswegian jazz musician, a politicised left-wing bandleader and a composer. His heyday in the late fifties took him into the glittering heart of London's West End, where he broadcast live with his own orchestra from the Paris Theatre and played nightly with his quintet at the glamorous Quaglinos. Ben's mother, Romany, the daughter of a Methodist parson, schooled at Cheltenham Ladies College, was a RADA-trained Shakespearean actress, who had triplets in her first marriage before becoming a leading showbiz columnist in the sixties and seventies. They were both divorcees from very different backgrounds who came together like colliding trains in 1957. Both a personal journey and a portrait of his parents, Romany and Tom is a vivid story of the post-war years, ambition and stardom, family roots and secrets, life in clubs and in care homes. It is also about who we are, where we come from, and how we love and live with each other for a long time.



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