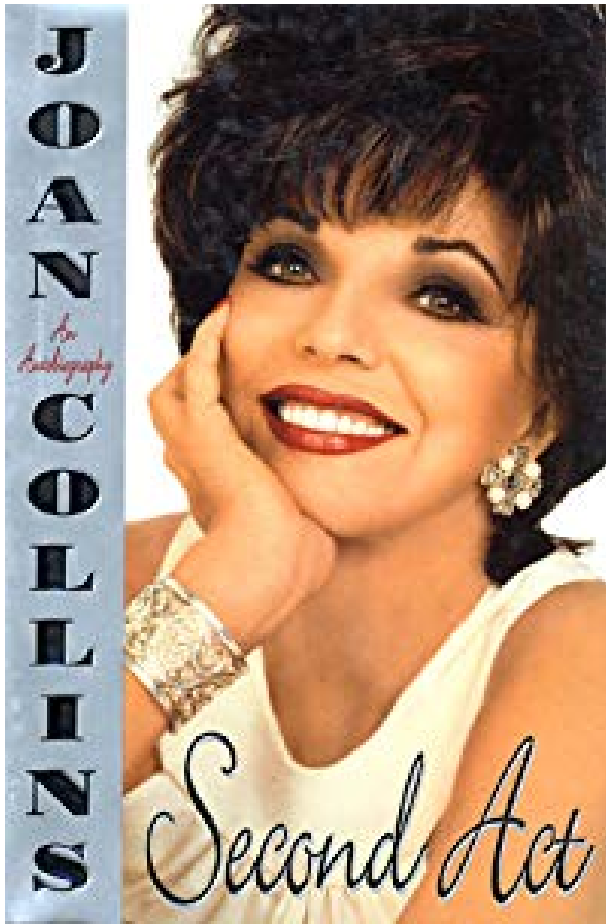


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With her family's roots in entertainment, Joan Collins seemed destined for stardom, but it took more than looks and talent to rise to the top. Drawing on the courage and willingness to work hard that are the hallmarks of her success, she left the Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts in London to try her hand at film and then gambled on Hollywood, where her rise was spectacular. She has starred in count roles in film, television and theater, from *The Virgin Queen* - where she was not one of Bette Davis's favorite ladies-in-waiting - to *The Girl in a Red Velvet Swing*, *The Last of Mrs. Cheney*, *Private Lives*, and of course, *Dynasty*, where she played the shrewdly calculating Alexis Carrington. She has been a television film producer, and as a bestselling novelist she won a landmark legal victory over her publisher, Random House. Married four times, she talks about her husbands, her high-profile love affairs, and her relationship with her sister, world-renowned novelist Jackie Collins. Joan Collins has worked and played with the most celebrated producers, directors, and actors, and she discusses how her personal and professional lives have been crucially intertwined.