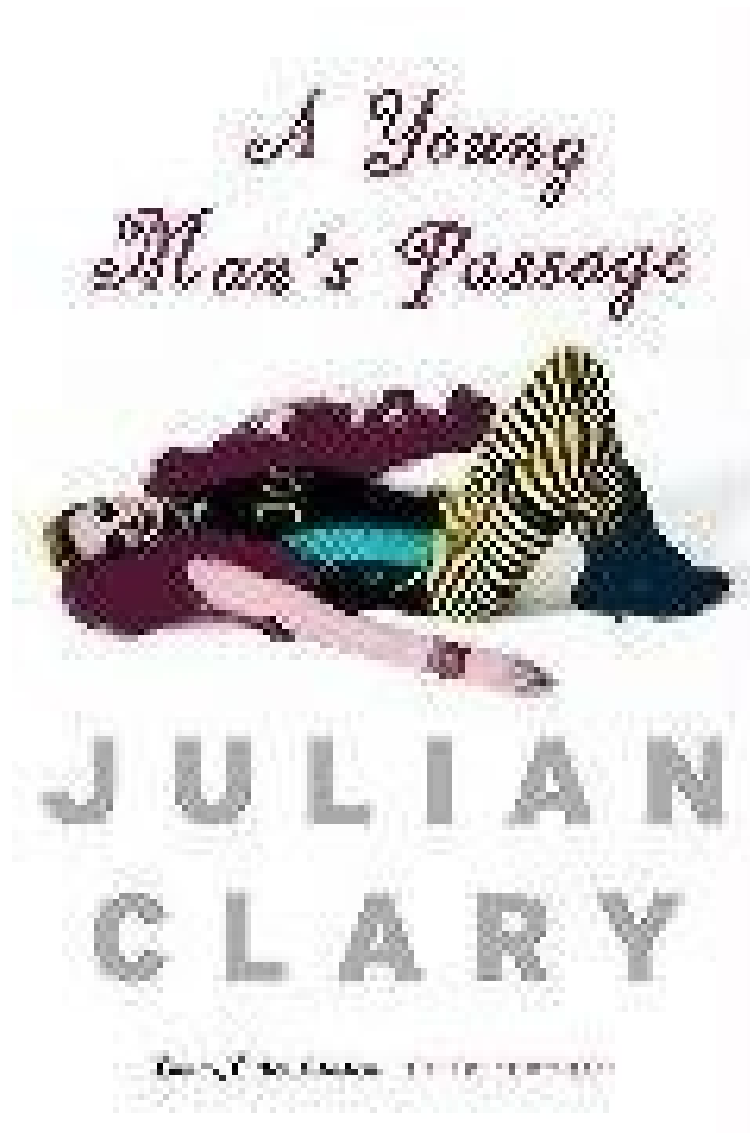


A Young Man's Passage

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Julian Clary : A Young Man's Passage before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised A Young Man's Passage:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A dull glowBy Earnest SludgeShorn of Clary's considerable good looks and charm this book only amounts to a long list of self-gossip particulars for die-hard fans only. And frankly, I was expecting a lot more sex. So, thank God we have recorded copies of his greatest performances at the height of his beauty and sexiness that we can enjoy over and over. I wish him all the best, "a thing of beauty is a joy forever".5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. FunnyBy tamiiiWhen I picked this book up I had no idea who Julian Clary

was. I hadn't seen his television shows, his theatrical performances, not even seen a photo of him. In short, I never heard of him. Nevertheless, this book may very well endure beyond him. I cannot say that I've recently read anything which speaks so eloquently. If you have known sorrow, and mirth, the kind of thing for which we remember Christopher Isherwood, then you may both understand and appreciate this surprising book. Clearly, Clary erroneously believes that only those familiar with his career would be interested in this spritely trip down Clary's passage from adolescent fantasies of future fame to his relatively early grasp of profound, and conflicted, human feeling. I am thankful to have shared a part of this frank journey with him. As memoirs go this is certainly among the more honest and deep. Besides, you will laugh a lot--as Twain noted, the most uniquely human of experiences. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. excellent bio !By mosiegirlI really enjoyed reading Julians' bio.. after watching him win on Big Brother it peaked my interest in what his life was really like.. It was an excellent read !

A long way from the usual ghosted celebrity autobiography, this is Julian Clary's debut as a writer of huge talent - perhaps closer in style to Fay Weldon or Muriel Spark than Dale Winton. Julian has led a unique life. From boarding school, where unholy monks taught him the rudiments of glamour, alternative living and brutality, through to art school in London while the punk and alternative comedy revolution was in full swing, finding out by practical trial and error whether he was gay or straight, his huge success and fame as probably the most high profile gay man in the country and, during the same period, the pain of losing those close to him and the high price of his fame. This is the first time he has voiced his private life and he will bring to its telling all the elegance, economy and integrity that have always informed his comedy. And, possibly, the odd double entendre.

"An amazing story ... a human testament worthy of a hundred of the more luvvy memoirs spouting self-congratulation" -- Andrew O'Hagan * Telegraph * "A wryly engaging romp" * The Sunday Times * "A witty, charming autobiography" * Heat * "This is a beautifully honest and sensitive account of a life and career stuffed full of surprising detail. I, for one, never knew Julian was gay" -- Paul Merton "Brilliant" -- Jimmy Carr

About the Author Julian Clary went to school at Ealing Abbey, then studied English and Drama at Goldsmith's College before joining the Covent Garden Community Theatre for three productions, most notably I Was a Teenage Sausage Dog. After some time as a singing telegram, he began working on the cabaret circuit as The Joan Collins Fan Club with a small mongrel called Fanny the Wonderdog, whose uncanny impersonations of the Pope and members of the Royal Family were a big success. Stardom on stage and screen soon beckoned. Julian has performed at fourteen Edinburgh Festivals, two Royal Variety Shows and the Vauxhall Tavern. He is a regular panellist on Radio 4's Just A Minute. He recently returned from his sell-out Natural Born Mincer tour of Australia and is currently playing Leigh Bowery in the touring West End musical Taboo. He lives in London with a cat called Gloria and a dog called Valerie - the recent star of BBC1's Celebrity Dog School.