



George Brent - Ireland's Gift to Hollywood and Its Leading Ladies (Hardback) (Hardback)

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BEARMANOR MEDIA, 2014. Hardback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. Bette Davis answered, George Brent whenever asked to name her favorite co-star. Her longtime crush on the actor (they teamed in eleven films) culminated in an off-screen affair while filming *Dark Victory* (1939) for which she won an Oscar nomination and Brent gave what many consider his finest performance. Hollywood's top stars clamored to play opposite Brent, who infused his easy-going warmth into such blockbuster films as *42nd Street* (1933). Before long, Garbo demanded that MGM cast him opposite her in *The Painted Veil* (1934). Brent was perfect foil for cinema's leading ladies: Ruth Chatterton (his second wife), Ginger Rogers, Loretta Young, Claudette Colbert, Barbara Stanwyck, Myrna Loy, Kay Francis, Olivia de Havilland, Joan Fontaine, Hedy Lamarr, Merle Oberon, and Ann Sheridan (his fourth wife). Not to be pigeonholed Brent's perfection as the dissipated Englishman in *The Rains Came* (1939) and surprise turn as the heavy in *The Spiral Staircase* (1946) fueled the longevity of his career. The personal life of George Brent remained undercover. Upon signing with Warner Bros., studio publicity fabricated a back-story for Brent: a graduate of...



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