



## Ava Gardner: The Secret Conversations (Hardback)

By Peter Evans

SIMON SCHUSTER, United States, 2013. Hardback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. I EITHER WRITE THE BOOK OR SELL THE JEWELS, Ava Gardner told her coauthor, Peter Evans, and I m kinda sentimental about the jewels. So began the collaboration that led to this remarkably candid, wickedly sardonic memoir. Ava Gardner was one of Hollywood s great stars during the 1940s and 1950s, an Oscar-nominated lead-ing lady who co-starred with Clark Gable, Burt Lancaster, and Humphrey Bogart, among others. Her films included Show Boat, The Snows of Kilimanjaro, The Barefoot Contessa, and On the Beach. But her life off the screen was every bit as fabulous as her film roles. Born poor in rural North Carolina, Gardner was given a Hollywood tryout thanks to a stunning photo of her displayed in a shop window. Not long after arriving in Hollywood, she caught the eye of Mickey Rooney, then America s #1 box-office draw. Rooney was a womanizer so notorious that even his mother warned Gardner about him. They married, but the marriage lasted only a year ( my shortest husband and my biggest mistake ). Ava then married band leader and clarinetist Artie Shaw, who would eventually marry...



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