



## Leaves from the Fig Tree (Paperback)

By Diana Duff

Rebel E Publishers, South Africa, 2010. Paperback. Condition: New. Jacques Stenvert (illustrator). 2nd edition. Language: English . Brand New Book \*\*\*\*\* Print on Demand \*\*\*\*\*.With humour, eloquence, empathy and delightful Gaelic charm, Diana, as a child, travels from Johannesburg to Ireland to a stately home with world-famous gardens. While the talk above stairs was of horses, rare plants and fishing; below stairs it was of banshees, the little people, raths and the foxy-haired ghost. As an adult she returned to Africa, where she doubled for Grace Kelly in Mogambo; unwittingly employed a Mau Mau leader; met the king of cheetah racing; challenged the authorities at the height of apartheid - and emerged victorious. Diana Duff's memoir is feisty, humorous and poignant. It's an evocation of a lifestyle that the world will never accommodate again - particularly in Africa. More's the pity, because somehow we don't seem to breed such iconoclastic, fey and nonconformist characters any more. Diana has a remarkable memory for detail, and she writes with a kind of wry wit that is most engaging. I thoroughly enjoyed Leaves from the Fig Tree and look forward to Diana's next book. - Patricia Glyn, broadcaster,...

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