



From the Diplomatic Bag: An Autobiography by William McDowell (Paperback)

By William McDowell

Memoirs Publishing, United Kingdom, 2011. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. William McDowell's life makes the kind of colourful story that simply doesn't happen in the modern world. Packed with adventure, excitement, thrills, spills, and incongruous humour, it tells of his life in India, the country of his birth, from the motor industry to the Diplomatic Service by way of police and army service. McDowell's brushes with death began early in life. The son of a soldier, while still in his teens he was kidnapped by a group of tribesmen and kept prisoner for several days in a case of mistaken identity. Twice he was nearly killed when his vehicle plunged over an embankment, once because he had passed out with the heat, the second time when his lorry's brakes failed. On a canoe voyage down a swollen river he was flung from his canoe and dragged out of the water more dead than alive. He also narrowly survived a plane crash. The sectarian turmoil McDowell witnessed during the partition of India involved many harrowing experiences. He saw a close friend decapitated by an angry mob of Muslim...

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