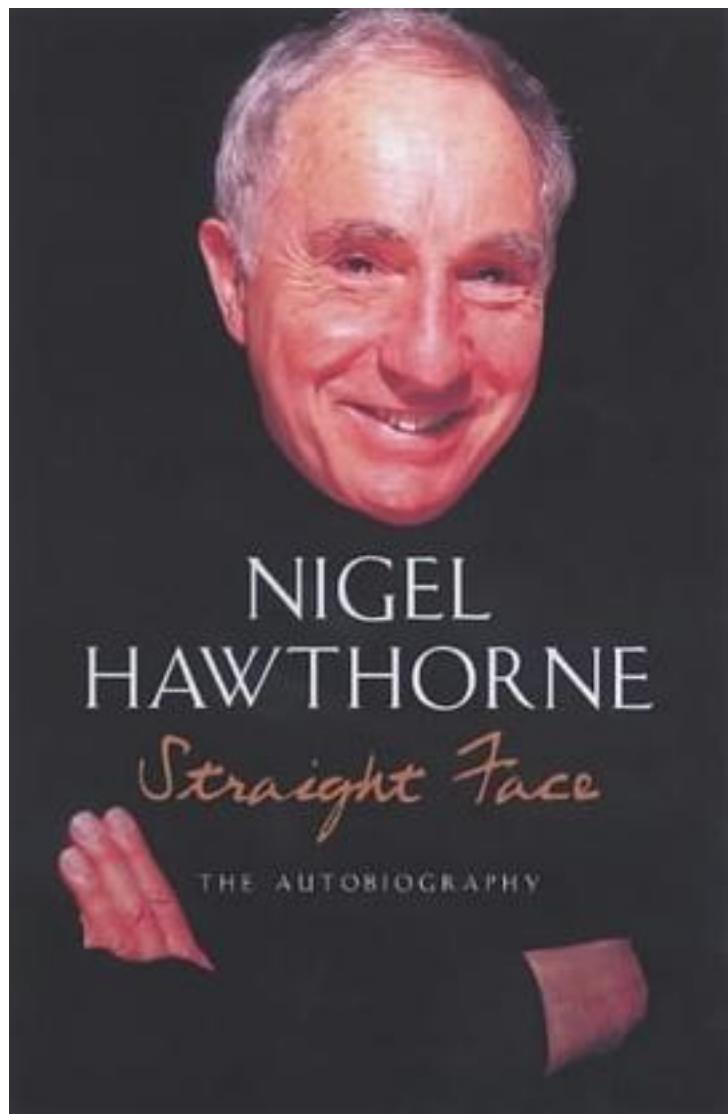


# Straight Face



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Very sadly, Nigel Hawthorne died on Boxing Day 2001. He had just completed his exceptional autobiography about a life which had by no means taken a straight path. His ambitions to be an actor when a young man in South Africa were strongly discouraged by his father. He came to England alone and struggled for many years to make his name - eventually joining the Royal Court, starring in the West End, and finally having his great TV break in Yes, Minister. He also struggled with his sexuality and it was not until meeting production manager Trevor Bentham in 1977 that he finally found his life partner. A naturally private man, his media 'outing' in the run-up to the Oscar Ceremony for The Madness of King George was the source of much pain, although ultimately it became a liberation. At the peak of his career he was struck by cancer and his battle with illness forms a moving final section of the book.

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## 评论

Nigel爵士的自传是我费了一番周折才最终捧在手上的书，牵扯到了几年的等待、N次延期各种询问和四处翻找，以致于我每次去英国都背回德国一摞书，源于我总抱着一丝能亲手找到这本书的幻想，结果顺手淘到一堆我本可以轻松从亚马逊上定回家的书。最终属于我的一本是经过二手书商来自Brent图书馆曾经的馆藏，这一系列的经历恰好印证了Nigel爵士在开篇第二段写到的：If I've learned anything in life it is that it's never straightforward.

这一年刚好是个人非常与众不同的一年，最好的一年和最坏的一年，于是每次有惊喜和意外出现，我的第一反应总是他的这句话。本书的文学性似乎不如我之前期待的一般出众，然而其真挚的感情和隽永温和的话语总是令人潸然回味。

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One can never read it out of a mere crush.

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It turns out that I love Nigel more than Humphrey.

五星全给Humphrey

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