Events and personalities of one hundred years of modern legends parade through the pages as part of the author's daily life. Through the eyes of one who has lived it, stated in a uniquely opinionated manner, this book includes wars and whores, the inside of business and politics on several continents, with unexpurgated revelations of individuals known to nearly everyone who lived during those times or learned about them since. Royalty, film figures, heads of state, corporate tycoons, and politicians, all have contributed to an unintendedly adventurous life from wealth and privilege to welfare and poverty.

I am Greek, after all.

The Fates keep me from making plans, and the Muses affect my life. Like my uncle Socrates, I know one thing: I know nothing. I cannot prove he was my uncle, but nobody can disprove it, either.

Through the eyes and the ears of my father I have experienced years more than my own life, and I know every detail. Through him, I have another viewpoint of history. He was a personal friend of Herman Goering and knew Adolf Hitler.

While I am a great-great grandson of the Duke of Argyle, and descended from the Earl of Inverness, and my mother is a Dame of the British Empire, I am not a gentleman.

I have related e vents as my memory serves me. Though I am rude, I have not said anything that I know to be untrue.

This is my journey on the road to Ithaca.



Born in Athens, Greece in 1934, son of a military hero from a wealthy Greek family, he served the family fortunes before becoming a mercenary soldier, then joining the Greek military regime as a diplomat. The Greek junta overthrown, and his life endangered, he became a fugitive in America. Now a subsidized retiree in San Antonio, Texas, he relates stories of his life of wealth to welfare.

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