



## Otherwise Engaged: The Life of Alan Bates

By Donald Spoto

Cornerstone. Paperback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, Otherwise Engaged: The Life of Alan Bates, Donald Spoto, In 1956, at the age of 22, Alan Bates was cast in John Osborne's controversial play, "Look Back in Anger". The play changed the course of British theatre - and of Alan's life. With a sudden rush of fame, he became a member of a new circle of actors at the Royal Court: the English Stage Company. From then on, he also worked steadily in television and won international acclaim for his roles in a number of major films, from "A Kind of Loving" and "Zorba the Greek" to "Women in Love". But his personal life was not always as seemingly straightforward as his career - his relationships, including that with his wife, Victoria Ward, were often turbulent. Drawing on dozens of interviews with his family, lovers, colleagues and friends - and mining a rich store of primary research - Donald Spoto chronicles Alan's achievements as a performer against the backdrop of a complicated personal life.

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