



Chaplin: The Tramp s Odyssey (Hardback)

By Simon Louvish

Thomas Dunne Books, United States, 2009. Hardback. Book Condition: New. 211 x 147 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. An Everyman who expressed the defiant spirit of freedom, Charlie Chaplin was first lauded and later reviled in the America that made him Hollywood s richest man. He was a figure of multiple paradoxes. Simon Louvish s new book, following his five major biographies of comedy s classic stars, from W.C. Fields to Laurel and Hardy and Mae West, looks afresh at the mask behind the man. Louvish charts the tale of the Tramp himself through his films, from the early Mack Sennett shorts through the major features (The Gold Rush, City Lights, Modern Times, The Great Dictator, et al.). He retrieves Chaplin as the iconic London street kid who carried the surreal antics of early British music hall triumphantly onto the Hollywood screen. Louvish also looks anew at Chaplin s and the Tramp s social and political ideas--the challenge to fascism, defiance of the McCarthyite witch hunts, eventual exile, and last mature disguises as the serial killer Monsieur Verdoux and the dying English clown Calvero in Limelight. This book is an epic journey, summing up the roots of...



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