



Shall We Dance? (Hardback)

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John Blake Publishing Ltd, United Kingdom, 2015. Hardback. Condition: New. Language: English. Brand new Book. On the eve of the Great War, they had the world at - and watching - their feet. If God is in the details, they were divine. Vernon and Irene Castle were the world's first true celebrity couple. He was the son of a pub landlord from Norfolk, she, his wife and dance partner, a New York doctor's daughter. He was tall and slim, as poised as an elegant evening out, a template for the Hollywood idols who would follow. In a staid age, she was a glorious, modern beauty, with her hair cropped into a 'shock', a disdain for crippling corsets, a love of a martini and a good time. The Castles taught the world to dance to an altogether different tune, bringing social dancing out of stuffy ballrooms and into dance halls, night clubs and restaurants. For the first time, they made dancing in public respectable - and fun. Convention was discarded, fashion and style established. As a result, the couple lived and tangoed through torrential showers of stardust. When, in 1939, Hollywood filmed their story, Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers played, and...

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