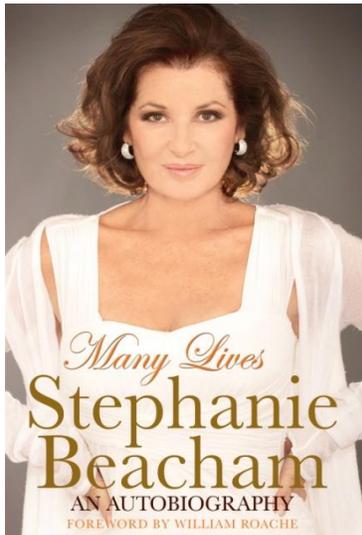


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MANY LIVES

By Stephanie Beacham

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Stephanie Beacham is one of the leading actors of her generation. A star of stage and screen she has acted alongside some of the world's most famous names, from Marlon Brando to Ava Gardner, and seen her name in lights in the most prestigious theatres in London and New York. She has made countless appearances on television, most memorably as super-bitch Sable Colby in the eighties series *Dynasty*, and its spin-off, *The Colbys*, a role which won her international recognition, and made her a household name. But, away from the glamour and the glitz, there has always been another side to Stephanie Beacham, that of the spiritual seeker.

In **MANY LIVES** Stephanie looks back at her life and recalls her early days growing up in North London, overcoming severe hearing loss, and studying at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art (RADA) in the vibrant sixties when, as she describes it, 'the whole of youth seemed to be involved in an expansion of consciousness'. She speaks frankly of her marriage to fellow actor John McEnery, by whom she had two daughters, Chloe and Phoebe, and how, when the relationship broke down, she became a fiercely independent single parent.

Stephanie also recounts some of the extraordinary episodes that have made her consider her position in the universe and seek alternative answers to life's problems. She talks candidly about her near-death experience following an operation when she was in her thirties and how this profoundly affected her outlook on life.

From Hollywood to *Coronation Street*, Shakespeare to *Celebrity Big Brother*, and starring roles in classic TV series such as *Tenko*, *Connie* and *Bad Girls*, Stephanie Beacham's career has been long and varied.

MANY LIVES is a vivid and entertaining memoir of the life of one of Britain's best-loved actors, and an inspirational and very personal account of her spiritual journey.

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