



Munich: The 1938 Appeasement Crisis

Author: David Faber
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David Faber's grandfather was Harold Macmillan, one of the Conservatives who rebelled against Neville Chamberlain's policy of giving Adolf Hitler whatever he wanted, and towards the end of 1938 Macmillan's country house filled up with victims of that policy.

When they burned Chamberlain in effigy, their host supplied the realistic touch with one of his spare umbrellas.

Faber, an ex-MP himself, tells the story up close and day by day.

It's history as the current affairs of the past, and an exciting, dread-inspiring piece of writing.

You are reminded that people had trouble grasping what the Nazis were about partly because they were so bizarre.

Reviewed by Owen Richardson



Graham Kennedy Treasures: Friends Remember the King

Author: Mike McColl Jones, with Steve Vizard
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THERE have been many books about Graham Kennedy that have tried to uncover the nature of one of Australian television's most brilliant performers.

The author of this book, Mike McColl Jones, says the most credible so far has been Graeme Blundell's *King*.

However, McColl Jones comes to Kennedy's story with a distinct advantage.

For nearly 20 years he worked as Kennedy's writer, churning out gags, scripts and ideas, and as such he brings to the Kennedy story an insight into the art of comedy.

Behind the performer's bursts of burlesque, his wit and improvisations were scripts, rehearsals and meticulous preparation.

Reviewed by Dianne Dempsey