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Auchincloss is a worldly philosopher who writes with confident authority of the law office and the board room but he is also a social historian and an amused observer of the prosperous at play The venue may be a cruise ship or a minor stately home in Virginia an urban chateau on Fifth Avenue or a great bibliophile's private library overlooking the East River His characters tend to be tribal creatures who pay lip service to social taboos but who live by the laws of self interest Frances Taliaferro New York Times

False Gods Louis Auchincloss, 1992-01-22 Six stories blending ancient Greek mythology with modern upper class Manhattan from the author of *Skinny Island* Louis Auchincloss once again evokes the beguiling world of New York society that he has made his own special literary landscape Inspired by the colorful mosaic of ancient Greek myths he has created six equally rich contemporary fables six lives governed by false gods Hermes or in Auchincloss's interpretation god of the self made man is a Jewish lawyer who finds acceptance into WASP society only at greatest personal cost Hephaestus is a bachelor designer of Palladian villas whose young bride enamored of newfangled things compels him to go modern In other stories a former World War II naval officer guided perhaps by the goddess Athene escapes a sinking cruise ship by disguising himself as a woman and a Catholic convert distracted by the muse Polyhymnia is torn between his priestly duties and his worldly social and artistic ambitions In every tale a unique moral sensibility holds sway revealing how the pagan impulse may surface in the most unlikely and provocative situations compromising even the noblest of spirits Keenly insightful flawlessly executed *False Gods* is the work of a National Medal of Arts winner widely acclaimed as American society's most entertaining and intelligent critic Praise for *False Gods* These modern day tales subtly describe the effects of moral conflict and compromised values These fables are finely crafted and eloquently written Library Journal

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The Romantic Egoists Louis Auchincloss, 1954

Reflections of a Jacobite Louis Auchincloss, 1961 Essays by a well known novelist on Edith Wharton Proust Henry James Trollope John O'Hara and other writers

Louis Auchincloss and His Critics Jackson R. Bryer, 1977

Last of the Old Guard Louis Auchincloss, 2012-09-24 A prominent lawyer in 1940s New York investigates the mystery of his partner's life and death in this novel by a New York Times bestselling author Nearing the end of his days Adrian Suydam half the partnership of the law firm of Suydam Saunders reflects on his lifelong friendship and business relationship with Ernest Saunders a tragic and

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The Golden Calves Louis Auchincloss, 1988-05-05 A young Manhattan art museum curator goes to questionable lengths to garner success in this dramatic novel by the author of *Diary of a Yuppie* In a world of opulent museums lavish homes and extravagant dreams public spectacle pales before private intrigue and the pursuit of power is the finest art Welcome to the world of master storyteller Louis Auchincloss In a small but distinguished museum on Central Park West battle lines are arranged pitting a brash young curator imbued with a craving for personal grandeur and a lust for the directorship of the museum against colleagues whose main concern is the integrity of the collections they guard Auchincloss is a deft guide through a closed in world Publishers Weekly

Woodrow Wilson Louis Auchincloss, 2000 One of our most esteemed writers and critics paints a deeply insightful portrait of the greatest political mastermind of a century Our twenty eighth president was says Louis Auchincloss the greatest idealist who ever occupied the White House And who better than Auchincloss with his penchant for quirky personalities and fascination with fin de siècle society to explore this complex persona Woodrow Wilson sheds new light on Wilson's upbringing and career from the grim determination that enabled him to overcome dyslexia to the skillful dance of isolationism and intervention in World War I to the intransigence that despite his most cherished vision caused the Senate's rejection of the League of Nations Here from the dynamic figure whose ringing speeches hypnotized vast crowds to the gentle voice reading poetry aloud and the comic star of family skits and charades to the rising academic and president of Princeton who made the giant leap into politics are all the triumphs and final tragic irony of this flawed apostle of world peace

Louis Auchincloss Vincent Picket, 1991-06-10

The Book Class Louis Auchincloss, 1984-08-01 The author of *Exit Lady Masham* explores the lives of twelve members of a high society ladies book club in New York over the course of sixty years If I have a bias it is in my suspicion that women are intellectually and intuitively superior to men writes Christopher Gates the narrator of this book But he adds I certainly never thought they were nicer And I very much doubt that anyone could think so who was raised as I was in a society in which the female had so many more privileges than the male Thus he describes the twelve women who as debutantes instituted his mother's book class in 1908 and met every month for over sixty years to discuss a selected title old or new During their lifetimes these women did not have any real political or economic clout comparable to that of the men of their day Only

Adeline Bloodgood had ever held a regular job and only Polly Travers as a State Assemblywoman ever played a formal role in politics For Georgia Bristed the hostess had largely consumed the woman and Leila Lee was a beauty in a day when simply being beautiful was considered an adequate occupation Although most of them were surrounded by a staff of servants and had no discernible responsibilities these women still lived with serious intent backed by a considerable and undeniable power that in no way derived from the snares and lures of womanly wiles Within the protected discipline of their surroundings their lives were filled with drama and challenge moments of passion of betrayal and loyalty of sweet revenge and joyless conquest of irony and illumination

The Man Behind the Book Louis Auchincloss, 2021-05-12 Twenty three biographical essays on writers admired by the National Medal of Arts winning author of *The Education of Oscar Fairfax* For Louis Auchincloss life and letters are not two things but one It therefore comes as no surprise that when he writes about writers their lives are considered as closely as their works He takes what today is a refreshingly unpopular position that the artist and his art cannot be teased apart that biography of criticism and criticism biography For Mr Auchincloss it all boils down to that maxim of Buffon s the style s the man the man behind the book The twenty three writers discussed here are a mixed lot English American and French novelists poets and playwrights Jacobean Victorians and moderns yet each has meant a great deal to Mr Auchincloss as a reader and a writer Some of them are classics and familiar Auchincloss subjects Sarah Orne Jewett Henry James Ivy Compton Burnett Others among them Prosper Merimee Harold Frederic and Amy Lowell were famous once but are now obscure In their cases it is Mr Auchincloss s self described task to explore the reasons for their fall from grace reasons that prove to be unfailingly personal as well as artistic But as Mr Auchincloss would rather praise and share than damn and dismiss it is also his task to seek the portions of their work that may still merit attention Alfred Kazin once noted that Mr Auchincloss s essays are marked by perfect literary grace and wit These qualities have never been so evident as in this volume an informal study of some of the author s favorite books and the fascinating artists behind them

Honorable Men Louis Auchincloss, 1985-09-25 From a New York Times bestselling author A novel about a member of the Greatest Generation wrestling with moral choices over the next generation s war in Vietnam Chip Benedict appeared to have the best of everything wealth education good looks charm and intelligence Shortly before entering law school he married Alida a pale beauty who also had the cunning and talent to become the debutante of the year escaping the progressively threadbare world of tarnished elegance and unpaid bills to which she was born Alida s life continued in a storybook fashion with her marriage to Chip a seemingly perfect and certainly honorable man Called to serve in World War II he returned a hero decorated for bravery at the Normandy landing Following in his father s footsteps he became chairman of the board of the prestigious Benedict Glass Company founded by his grandfather And yet with all of his gifts Chip is haunted by dark guilt that drives him to excel conform and embrace a righteousness that he fails to perceive as hypocrisy In business he becomes the perfect corporate executive lauded in *Fortune* and *Forbes* He serves his community supports the arts and patriotically honors his

government But when it comes to choosing sides on the issue of Vietnam he will make a decision that casts aside the deepest ties and loyalties of his life Through a series of flashbacks the narrators come to realize how outside events have influenced their lives Auchincloss uses their story to show us the frailties of human nature when confronted with politics and morality This psychological novel is perceptive elegantly spare and well crafted Library Journal **The Young Apollo** Louis Auchincloss, 2006-04-11 Short stories from a New York Times bestselling author in settings ranging from Edwardian garden parties to 1970s Manhattan While bringing to life stories of the past filled with privilege and glamour these tales also explore their characters less than savory ambitions and desires In the title story an older man eulogizes his young friend a muse to the artists he gathered around himself only to reveal that despite the young man s burgeoning reputation as a poet he could only inspire genius but not produce it The Young Apollo and Other Stories takes us inside upper class lives crystallizing a world now gone but forever fixed in our romantic imaginations uncovering its flaws and all too human foibles as well as its considerable charms This elegant collection continues Auchincloss s unflinching examination of New York s wealthy socialite class Library Journal Auchincloss has a talent for pulling the curtain back on perfection for peering behind the sublime facade The Seattle Times

Louis Auchincloss Book Review: Unveiling the Power of Words

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