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** 'Shaun Considine's story of the two divas is vastly informative and in parts hilarious' SUNDAY TELEGRAPH ** 'Fascinating and vastly entertaining ... all you want is more' TIME OUT ** 'Considine's well-researched book is an account of one of Hollywood's most extraordinary relationships' DAILY EXPRESS

From the Inside Flap

They were two of the most talented beauties Hollywood ever produced: the elegant Joan Crawford, a former chorus girl who shot through the ranks at MGM, and the brash, tempestuous Bette Davis, a Broadway star notorious for refusing to bow to the studio bosses. Their work together in the hit film "Whatever Happened to Baby Jane?" sowed the seeds for a mutual hatred that would consume their lives. As each fading star tried to outshine the other, lives were upended and reputations were destroyed. Glamorous, merciless, and cruel, their feud became the stuff of legends. Based on interviews the author conducted with both actresses and more than a decade of research, "Bette & Joan" shows the hard-drinking, hard-fighting duo at their best and worst. The epic story of these dueling divas is hilarious, monstrous, tragic, and the inspiration for the Ryan Murphy TV series "Feud" starring Susan Sarandon and Jessica Lange. Now updated with two new chapters and a sixteen-page photo insert.

About the Author

Born in Brooklyn and raised in Ireland, Shaun Considine has written for the New York Times, the Los Angeles Times, People and Cosmopolitan.

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