

The History Of The Ginger Man: An Autobiography - J.p. Donleavy

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This is the dramatic story of J. P. Donleavy's personal struggle to create and publish a book that became a twentieth-century masterpiece: *The Ginger Man*. It is literally history combined with Donleavy's autobiography -- from his childhood in the Bronx, education at Catholic schools, service in the U.S. Navy, and travels, to his current life as proprietor of a landed estate in the midlands of Ireland. Trinity College in Dublin after World War II was a mecca for adventurous Americans who used the G.I. Bill as a passport to higher education,. Among them were able-bodied seamen, second class J.P. 'Mike' Donleavy, fighter pilot George Roy Hill (now a celebrated Hollywood actor), and a naval yeoman Gainor Stephen Crist, a Midwestern rara avis and model for the *Ginger Man*. Student life included degrees in debauchery; drunken brawls in Dublin pubs; comic capers with the playwright Brendan Behan; eccentric Anglo-Irish aristocrats; living on miraculous credit and in constant debt with plenty of time for the seduction of nice Catholic girls. Donleavy, impecunious and newly married, began to write *The Ginger Man* in a primitive isolated cottage at Kilcoole. He completed the book over a period of four years on two continents. *The Ginger Man* was rejected by nearly thirty-five American and British publishers. The book was finally published in Paris in 1955 by Maurice Girodias of the Olympia Press as a work of pornography. Twenty-five years of bitter litigation between Donleavy and Girodias followed, with Donleavy emerging triumphant as sole owner of Olympia and its copyrights, including that of *The Ginger Man*. Author: Donleavy, J.P. Publisher: The Lilliput Press Illustration: N Language: ENG Title: The History of the Ginger Man: An Autobiography Pages: 00520 (Encrypted EPUB) On Sale: 2011-09-01 SKU-13/ISBN: 9781843512097 Category: Biography & Autobiography : Literary

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