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VAL ROSS

The biography of Robertson Davies: a larger than life character and renowned journalist, newspaper editor, professor, and author. This unique biography has one hundred plus contributions from family members, fellow writers, Hollywood stars, and Davies' own personal recollections. A vivid portrait of his life and his work. 385pp.

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THE SECRET LIFE OF MARILYN MONROE**J. RANDY TARABORRELI+**

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