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Playing off the roof & other stories: a patchwork of memories

Simon Brown

Description

Written with humour and insight, this informal memoir is a delightful celebration of the passions that have driven Simon Brown's life. Whether recalling incidents from his early years as a barrister (courageously breaking away from the family business) or as Treasury Devil, or during the later stages of his legal career (ending as a Justice of the Supreme Court) - or whether talking about his family, telling us his golfing tales, or describing his enjoyment of the Garrick and his many travels around the world - he exudes a zest and delight in what he does and an affection for those he works with and meets that is a deeply endearing characteristic. Friendship is a constant theme, the pleasure he takes in other people. It is this extraordinary energy and enthusiasm for life that defines Simon Brown and lends this memoir its huge attraction.

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