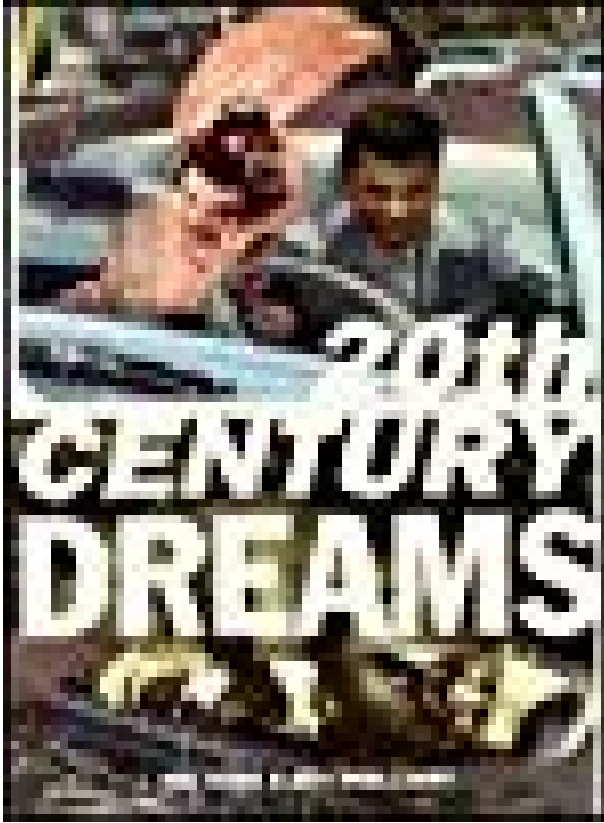


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From the Publisher The Secret History of Our Times An old man had died. The name on his passport is Max Vail. Born in St. Petersburg at the turn of the century, his long and astonishingly varied life was spent in moving relentlessly up the ladders of power.

This journey took him to Vienna, Berlin, Paris, London, and finally America, and involved him with almost all the great names of the age. 20th-Century Dreams derives from the journal Max left at his death.

More than a personal testament, it provides a new and often shocking insight into recent history- its buried liaisons and indiscretions, its plots, deceptions, fateful meetings and stolen romances. Among the eighty-five scenarios, we see Jackie Kennedy and the young Cassius Clay, Hitler and Windsors, Lord Lucan and Martin Bormann, Elvis and Bill Clinton, Idi Amin and the Queen. And over them all hangs the shadow of Max Vail himself, the eternal loner who is their missing link. An inspired collaboration from the team that made Rock Dreams one of the lasting classics of the 1970's, 20th Century Dreams may well be the ultimate expression of celebrity worship gone mad.