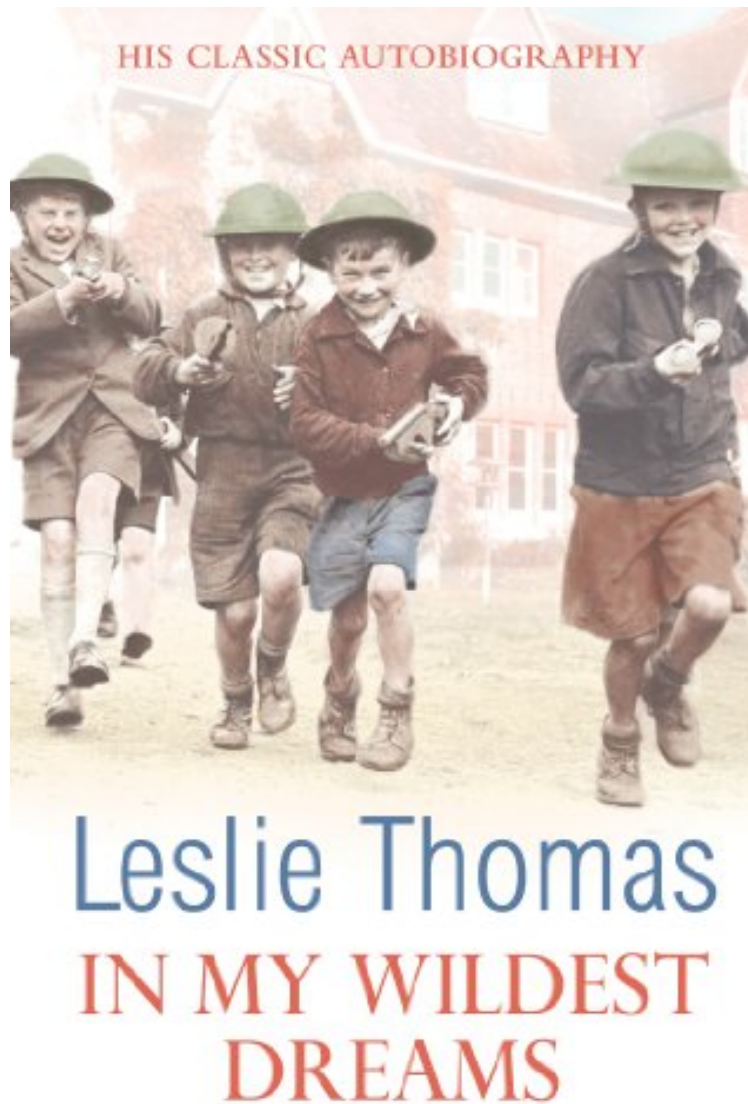


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Leslie Thomas : In My Wildest Dreams before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised In My Wildest Dreams:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. An Orphan's TaleBy UserThis is an enjoyable memoir of a British author's childhood, youth and early manhood. He was from an English-speaking family in Wales. His father was the stereotypical hard-drinking, usually absent stoker on steamships. He died at sea the third time the Nazis torpedoed his vessel. His mother died of TB so he went into the British orphanage system known as Barnardo's Homes. He

apprenticed in the newspaper business as a journalist. His writing career was interrupted by a national service term that took him to Singapore and Malaya during the Communist insurgency there. He was a paymaster. He had a commercial but romantic relationship with an Eurasian prostitute which became the basis of his breakthrough novel and the film made from it, *Virgin Soldiers*. On returning to Britain he transitioned from journalism to literature, tried to reunite with his relations and had further amorous activities. The author was a gifted story-teller with a brilliant sense of humor. He died in 2014.

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. In my wildest dreams
By Dorothy
This is a book that should be read by all teenagers today. Then they might think about how lucky they are. I had a easy upbringing. Dad had a good job all through the depression so it was hardly noticed. My Mum was very caring, always there. Bit many others did not. Read how tough it was on being sent away by the army for years at 18. Leslie Thomas will take you through this wonderful story with pathos and humour. I cried and laughed through the many days I spent reading this great story, That is why I gave it 5 stars I loved it!

1 of 3 people found the following review helpful.
Disappointed!
By Michelle
"In My Wildest Dreams" portrays Rowena de Bernard, an exile from France after Napoleon's conquests, and Captain Tarquin York (Quinn for short), a British cavalry officer falling in love as he escorts her back to France. Of course there are French armies trying to kill them, so as they go through difficult times together, they are brought closer until they fall in love. To be honest, I got all that info from the back of the book. I couldn't get past page 67. I read Ellen Tanner Marsh's "The Enchanted Prince" which I loved very much, so I made an effort to get this out of print book. Unlike "The Enchanted Prince," I found the characters unremarkable and boring. Thus, despite all the "exciting" things happening around them, I didn't care. Don't waste your money...instead, check out "The Enchanted Prince," which was sweet and loosely based upon the fairy tale, "The Frog Prince."

From Barnardo boy to original virgin soldier; from apprentice journalist in London's Fleet Street to famous novelist...At times funny, at times sad, but always honest and utterly compulsive, Leslie Thomas's story is straight out of fiction. As an orphan, he picked his way through the rubble of post-war Britain and was sent on national service to the Far East. Later he became a Fleet Street reporter, with hilarious experiences to relate, and then became the bestselling author of *The Virgin Soldiers* - the novel that, although scandalous in its day, is now recognised as a classic of its kind. He is also the creator of *Dangerous Davies: The Last Detective*, which has been adapted into a popular television series. In 2005, Leslie Thomas was awarded an OBE for services to literature. With a new introduction for this edition, this is an amazing story, and Leslie Thomas's magic touch brings it crackling to life with warmth, wit and humour.

"Scenes rivalling the best of D. H. Lawrence" * Daily Telegraph * "Truly exciting" * Daily Mail * "Splendidly conveys...compassion, excitement, entertainment" * Evening Standard * "Vividly readable... Leslie Thomas is one of nature's life enchaners" * Sunday Express * "A fine storyteller" * Sunday Telegraph

About the Author
Born in Newport, Monmouthshire, 1931, Leslie Thomas is the son of a sailor who was lost of sea in 1943. His boyhood in an orphanage is evoked in *This Time Next Week* published in 1964. At sixteen, he became a reporter, before going on to do his national service. He won worldwide acclaim with his bestselling novel *The Virgin Soldiers*. In 2005, Leslie Thomas received an OBE for services to literature.