



Dinner with Lenny: The Last Long Interview with Leonard Bernstein (Hardback)

By Jonathan Cott

Oxford University Press, United Kingdom, 2013. Hardback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. Leonard Bernstein was arguably the most highly esteemed, influential, and charismatic American classical music personality of the twentieth century. Conductor, composer, pianist, writer, educator, and human rights activist, Bernstein truly led a life of Byronic intensity—passionate, risk-taking, and convention-breaking. In November 1989, just a year before his death, Bernstein invited writer Jonathan Cott to his country home in Fairfield, Connecticut for what turned out to be his last major interview—an unprecedented and astonishingly frank twelve-hour conversation. Now, in *Dinner with Lenny*, Cott provides a complete account of this remarkable dialogue in which Bernstein discourses with disarming frankness, humor, and intensity on matters musical, pedagogical, political, psychological, spiritual, and the unabashedly personal. Bernstein comes alive again, with vodka glass in hand, singing, humming, and making pointed comments on a wide array of topics, from popular music (the Beatles were the best songwriters since Gershwin), to great composers (Wagner was always in a psychotic frenzy. He was a madman, a megalomaniac), and politics (lamenting the brainlessness, the mindlessness, the carelessness, and the heedlessness of the Reagans of the world). And of course,...



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