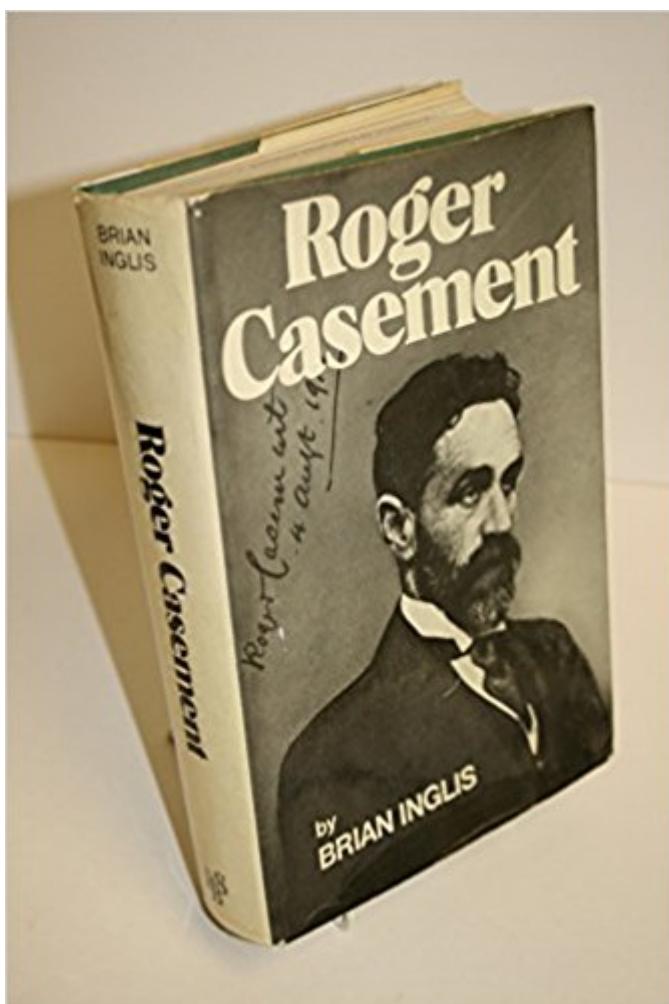


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Brian Inglis was an historian and broadcaster. He is the author of 'The Story of Ireland' and 'The History of Medicine', and for over ten years wrote and presented 'All Our Yesterdays'. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

This is an excellent biography of Roger Casement, an invariably decent man. He was an Irish patriot although he served England for most of his life. Only in his last years did he turn his back on England and take up the struggle for Irish independence. But his grueling service in Africa had weakened his constitution and he was no longer entirely responsible for his decisions and actions. He was betrayed by someone he trusted and was captured during an ill-fated attempt to run guns from war-time Germany for Irish resisters of British rule. At trial, the Prosecution persuaded the jury to condemn him to death by revealing the libidinous details of his diary. It was his homosexual obsession with teenagers that placed the noose about his neck. Here Casement's terrible fate is related in all its pathos. This is a truly commendable biography, both in substance and style and I recommend it highly.

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