

The Secret Life of the Savoy

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Synopsis

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The captivating story of the famed Savoy Hotel's founders, told through three generations - and 100 years - of glamour and high society.

For the gondoliers-themed birthday dinner, the hotel obligingly flooded the courtyard to conjure the Grand Canal of Venice. Dinner was served on a silk-lined floating gondola, real swans were swimming in the water, and, as a final flourish, a baby elephant borrowed from the London Zoo pulled a five-foot-high birthday cake.

In three generations, the Olyly Carte family and London's Savoy Hotel pioneered the idea of the luxury hotel and the modern theater, propelled Gilbert and Sullivan to lasting stardom, made Oscar Wilde a transatlantic celebrity, inspired a P. G. Wodehouse series, and popularized early jazz, electric lights, and Art Deco.

Following the history of the iconic Savoy Hotel through three generations of the Olyly Carte family, *The Secret Life of the Savoy* brings to life the extraordinary cultural legacy of the most famous hotel in the world.

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