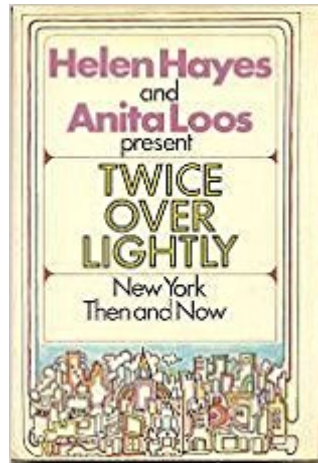




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Helen Hayes and Anita Loos: two great ladies who took a challenge and did something great!

Actually I think this book is a 3 1/2 star, 4 star is probably too generous. This is a cute book if you are a fan of Helen Hayes or Anita Loos or live in New York. It's written by Anita Loos who is a fascinating person (although unfortunately this is not really revealed in this book - best to see her autobiographies) and basically they tour around NYC and write about what they see and who they speak with. It's supposed to be them revisiting places that were important to them in the 1920s and 1930s and it would have been quite interesting to hear their experiences from that time. It doesn't quite turn out that way, it's mainly fluff, there are some tidbits but they just touch on interesting things but then go no further. It was written around 1969 or 1970 and it is fun to hear their thoughts on hippies and all that stuff going on at that time, I think it was quite alarming, particularly from their perspective although they try to keep an open mind about the "younger generation" (who are now entering retirement). And funny things that now are hard to believe, such as Greenwich Village was still a place with cheap rents in 1969. I think if you live in NYC and it will be interesting to hear about locations and neighborhoods from the 1920s and then the 1960s and compare it to what you are

familiar with now. But unless you live in NYC or are a big fan of either of the authors, it's probably not too interesting.

I read this book years ago as a library book. Never thought I would ever find it let alone own it. Can't wait to read it again. This book gives you a behind the scenes look at vintage New York. . These two women knew everyone.

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