



# Of Blondes, Betting, Booze and Bolshevism

by Charles Marks

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*Debut novelist introduces the irascible character of Charlie Gaily, a nefarious bachelor, outspoken Marxist and big shot gambler with an insatiable appetite for women - a man enjoying a life of unbridled excess, until his world begins to fall apart with unexpected consequences.*

Arrogant, charismatic and seemingly untouchable, Charlie Gaily, is the poster boy for debauchery. Since early adolescence and his discovery of top shelf magazines, falling in and out of love with alarming speed has been a habitual occurrence for our unlikely hero. Ricocheting between Bordellos, and continents, Charlie finds himself caught between two objects of his twenty-five year addiction to the fairer sex; Irish-born prostitute Colleen and the younger, lithesome blonde beauty Racquel. The competition

between the women soon descends into a bitterly unpleasant rivalry, with a typically hapless Charlie stuck in the middle.

On the other side of life's complex coin, Charlie is facing the imminent collapse of his first great passion: Marxism and the Communist Party. Much to his anger and dismay, the party to which he has, perhaps surprisingly, devoted the better parts of his life, is in the process of disbanding its political branches across western Europe and Australia. Without it, what is Charlie? Just a gambler and a womaniser? As Charlie's life erupts into an explosion of sex, debts and political crisis, his only option is to follow man's most basic instinct; hide from the imminent disaster by sticking his head in the sand whilst distracting his own attention through the mindless pursuit of a buxom blonde across the Indian Ocean. Charlie's flagrant disregard leads to hilarious and destructive consequences that he will have to employ the last of his cunning to survive.

**Of Blondes, Betting, Booze and Bolshevism** is the scandalous, fictional autobiography of Charlie Gaily, a modern-day Harry Flashman character; a hell raiser and bon vivant with a self-destructive nature that is hard to resist. Inspired by the enigmatic author, Charles Marks', own cavalier life and times, this delightful novel explores both vice and virtue in life, love and the international political maelstrom. **Of Blondes, Betting, Booze and Bolshevism** by Charles Marks is risqué, surprisingly astute and an absolutely addictive read.

**About the author:** Australian author Charles Marks is a professional gambler, sharing many of the same interests as those of his wildly entertaining rogue protagonist, Charlie Gaily. **Of Blondes, Betting, Booze and Bolshevism** by Charles Marks (published by Clink Street Publishing RRP £9.99 paperback, RRP £4.99 ebook) is available online from 24th February 2015 from retailers including amazon.co.uk and can be ordered from all good bookstores.

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