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"Her technique was simple: aim for the top", an envious colleague wrote of Clare Boothe Luce. No American woman of the twentieth century aimed so accurately or rose so far as this legendary playwright, politician, and social seductress.

Born in New York's Spanish Harlem with nothing to recommend her but beauty, ferocious intelligence, and dry wit, she transformed herself into the youthful managing editor of *Vanity Fair*. She married two millionaires and wrote three Broadway hits, including the biting satire *The Women*. Her second husband, Henry Luce - the publisher of *Time*, *Fortune*, and later, at her suggestion, *Life* - was only one of the dozens of men she entranced. Adding politics and power to journalism and drama, Clare used sex, street smarts, acid humor, and money to plot a career more improbable than anything in her own fiction. Not content with mere wealth and the acclaim of transatlantic caf society, Clare Boothe Luce confessed to a "rage for fame".

This extraordinary audiobook - the result of more than 15 years of research by Sylvia Jukes Morris, her chosen biographer - tells how she achieved it.



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