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In the early nineteen-sixties, under the influence of a Jungian analyst, Fellini started keeping a dream diary. His films, always fantastical, soon took a distinctly oneiric turn, and he eventually filled some five hundred sheets with drawings and descriptions of his dreams, here reproduced in facsimile with English translations. Fellini archetypes (chiefly, gargantuan women in various states of undress and arousal), characters, and collaborators abound. The actor and playwright Eduardo di Filippo performs his own death onstage to rapturous, if insincere, acclaim; Pope Paul VI, who, as a cardinal, had condemned *La Dolce Vita*, ascends with Fellini in a balloon basket and points excitedly to a blimp-sized beauty in a bathing costume whose exhalations, he explains, create the clouds in the sky. As a child, Fellini named the four corners of his bed after movie theatres: "The show started as soon as I shut my eyes."

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"...an amazing record of the interior life of one of the 20th century's greatest directors." ~*ARTnews*

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"An old truism holds that other people's dreams are boring. But here, as with so much else, Fellini confounds. *Dreams*, like his films, is whimsical, poignant, grotesque and, ultimately, revelatory." ~*Hollywood Life*

"...it does serve as a fascinating companion that illustrates the way that the conscious artist depended on his unconscious mind." ~*Daily Sentinel*

About the Author

Federico Fellini's films include *La Dolce Vita*, *Amarcord*, *8 1/2*, *La Strada*, *Satyricon*, and *I Vitelloni*, among others. He is recognized as one of cinema history's greatest geniuses.

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