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Britain's favourite television cabbie tells his own fascinating story in a revealing new book.

As long-suffering *EastEnders*' patriarch Charlie Slater, Derek Martin has become one of British TV's best loved stars.

Now in his witty and revealing memoir, *An East End Life*, Derek tells of his extraordinary journey from growing up in the real East End of London during the Blitz to taking up residency in Albert Square.

In this candid memoir he describes those tough early days, life on the wrong side of the law and how he turned his dream of being an actor into a reality. But not before he'd tried his hand as a professional gambler and as a runner for East End gangster Charlie Kray, brother of twins Ronnie and Reggie.

Determined to be an actor, Derek began his hugely successful stage and screen career firstly as a stuntman before landing TV roles in series such as *Law and Order*, *King and Castle* and doomed soap *Eldorado*.

Derek pulls no punches as he admits past mistakes and describes his remarkable transformation into one of our best loved stars. Meet the man behind the character as he shares with readers his heartbreak over two marriage break ups and his devotion to his twin boys.

An East End Life is a truly remarkable life story spanning nearly seven decades, packed with tears and laughter that will endear you to this popular star.

"This is a very honest and revealing book," says Splendid Books' Editorial Director Shoba Vazirani. "It's a great read - Derek is very frank as he tells of his extraordinary life. Readers will laugh and cry at this candid true life story of one of our most popular actors."

An East End Life: My Story by Derek Martin was published by Splendid Books on October 4th 2010 priced £17.99. It will be available direct with free delivery from www.splendidbooks.co.uk or by phoning 0845 625 045 and from all good bookshops.

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- Derek will be available for press interviews.
- Derek will be available for television and radio interviews.

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