



ALWAYS AN ADVENTURE:

AN AUTOBIOGRAPHY

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In the end, this book turned out to be a labour of love, or perhaps ego, for I have never ceased to be amazed that the words I feed into the computer would willingly be read by other people.

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