



One of my boyfriends, Pierre D'Unienville, met me at Nairobi airport with a tiny little fluffy cat. This was Tana, who grew up to be my beautiful lioness, my constant companion. Tana became the reason for my life in Africa.

In later life, her adored son Rory took on the role of host at the family's Palladian-style villa on the RIVIERA, Fiorentina. No expense was spared – in one week, 3000 people came for lunch, dinner or breakfast. Films stars such as DAVID NIVEN, GARY COOPER and FRED ASTAIRE came for lunch and PRINCESS GRACE used to bicycle over ...

- In World War II, after the death of Enid's third husband, Marmaduke FURNESS, a shipping and coal millionaire, in Vichy France, Furness's second wife Thelma (the mistress of the PRINCE OF WALES, who had famously introduced him to WALLIS SIMPSON) tried to have Enid indicted for murder, claiming she had pumped him full of morphine after everybody fled the south of France. In 1991 this was to be the basis for a lurid article by Dominick Dunne in *Vanity Fair*. The story asked: was she really the Lucrezia Borgia of Cap Ferrat? Pat was incensed. The real story was so much more fabulous and moving. And funny ...
- In the middle of this fast-moving and dangerous high-society world, Pat spent her childhood and early adult life. However, at the age of 35, her life changed. Twice married and divorced herself, while visiting Kenya she was handed an abandoned lion cub so small it fitted into her hand. She fell in love

My mother went with my father to Egypt after World War I where he served with the 9<sup>th</sup> Lancers. She says it was the best time of their life together; everyone was so happy and reckless after surviving that dreadful war. There were picnics, and races, and polo.



Mt Kilimanjoro



Kenya was glamorous in the 1950s and on a safari, we still had our comforts.



Pat and Gary Cooper



Caryll's Buick convertible