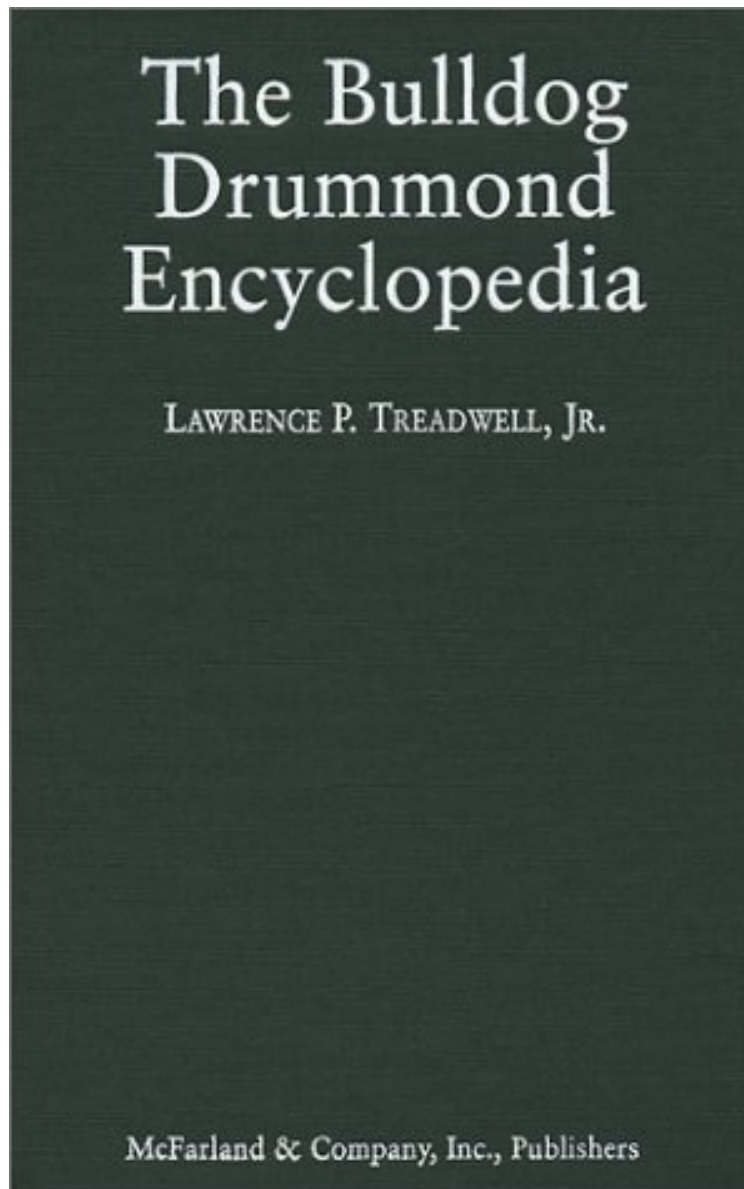


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Captain Hugh Drummond -- better known as "Bulldog" -- was the hero of seventeen novels and more than twenty films, stage plays, and BBC radio programs. The series was popular enough, in fact, to outlive the original author, Herman Cyril MacNeil ("Sapper"), and to withstand the interruption occasioned by the Second World War before finally disappearing from the public eye in the 1950s, with the introduction of the James Bond character. This volume contains complete descriptions and detailed information on the characters and the world of Bulldog Drummond, a world rife with Bolsheviks, terrorists, spies, saboteurs, Packards, English Channel packets, Rolls-Royces, castles, mastiffs, and tarantulas. Information is replete on Sapper, Gerard Fairlie (the second author), and the several actors who starred as the legendary hero.

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