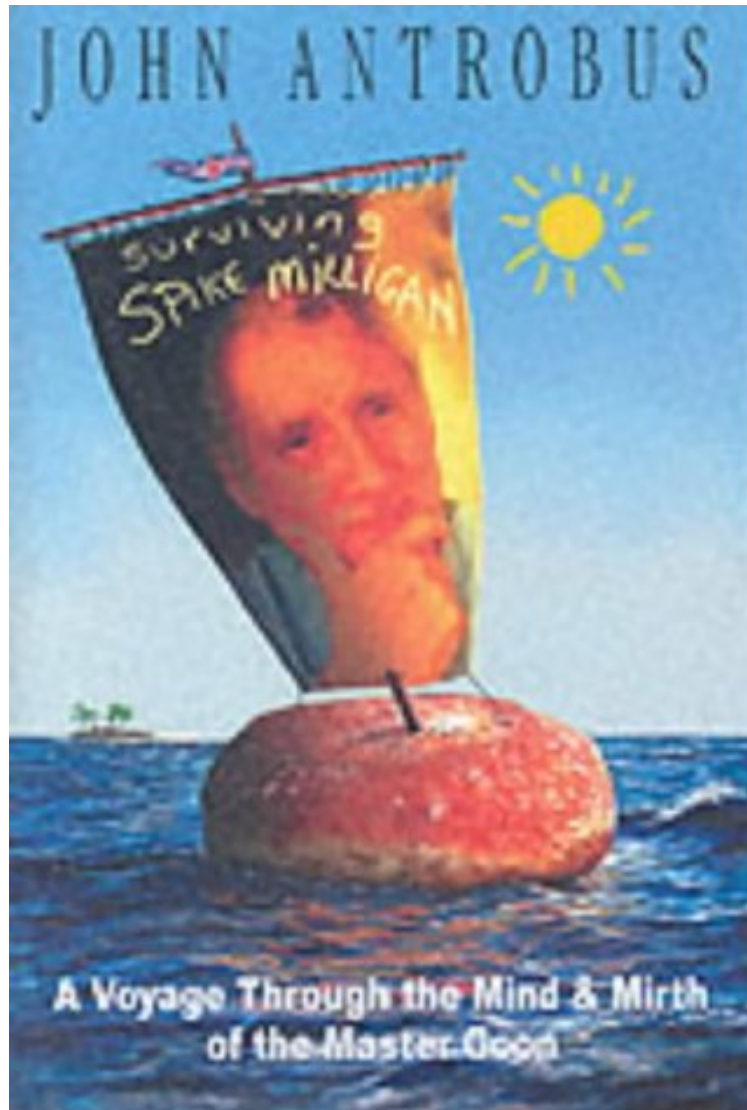


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Me: Do you think you willed that plane to crash, Spike? Spike: Yes. Me: Are you claiming supernatural powers? Spike: No, I'm telling you what happened. On abandoning army life, John Antrobus arrived at Spike Milligan's office to discover a sign outside: 'Do not disturb, I'm already disturbed'. He soon found himself fighting on the Front Line of comedy with Arch Goon, Spike Milligan. In this extraordinary book he explores their mutual states of mind, of finance, of romance and of sanity. *Surviving Spike Milligan* is an hysterically funny evocation of those mad times with scenes you couldn't invent, a Picassoesque painting where the nose - or indeed, the Milligan - is not always where you would expect to find it!

About the Author John Antrobus and Spike Milligan produced much work together, including several Goon Shows, *The Bed Sitting Room*, in which Spike starred, as well as sketches for radio and TV, including *The Milligan Papers*. Antrobus is the author of the successful *Ronnie* series (also published by Robson). He is currently writing an adaptation of *Steptoe Son* for the stage with Ray Galton.