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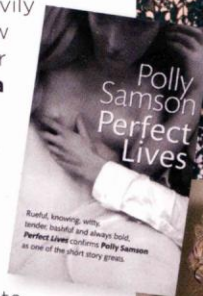
the rockocracy and literati gathered at Notting Hill's 20th Century Theatre for the launch of **Polly Samson's** new book of short stories *Perfect Lives*. Polly, in silver sequins, told me the sea featured quite heavily because of her new life in Brighton. Her stepdaughter **Sara Gilmour** (David's fashion-stylist daughter) was there to support in timeworn rock style - everything black and short and tight - complete with a rock-star boyfriend. I supped on margaritas and champagne, while chatting to **Bryan Ferry, Sebastian Faulks** and **Helen Fielding**, in black lace Dolce & Gabbana, who confided she was working on the *Bridget Jones* musical. Margaritas: 5; cigarettes: 4. Oops!



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AMANDA ELIASH,
BRYAN FERRY AND
AMANDA SHEPHERD