„Szkoła luster”, czyli tajemnice wersalskiego dworu

Rozmowa z Ewą Stachniak na temat jej najnowszej książki

Ewa Stachniak, fot. Mark Raynes Roberts

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