

## Queen Elizabeth II Her Story

Her Royal Highness Queen Elizabeth II has reigned for 64 years, longer than any British monarch in history. During that time the Queen has endured the ups and downs that long life will bring. She was a beacon of hope during and after the Second World War in difficult times when the world faced a precarious future, and she has served as a role model for generations of men and women who continue to be in awe of her commitment to service, sacrifice, and the Commonwealth of nations over which she rules. The abdication of her uncle, Edward VIII, in 1936 turned her family's world upside-down. When her father was crowned King George VI, Elizabeth was thrust into the eye of the storm as a future queen. A shy and reserved child, she grew into a wise and insightful monarch who has dealt ably with nine British Prime Ministers during her long reign, from Winston Churchill to Theresa May. It was, of course, not always straightforward and the Queen has found herself in hot water several times, most notably during the marriage of Prince Charles and Diana, Princess of Wales. When Diana was tragically killed in a car crash the standing of the Royal Family was probably at its lowest ebb. It is unlikely that we will ever see a monarch reign so long or so effectively again, holding together a disparate group of nations, each with its own aspirations, customs and traditions. Catherine Ryan has written an intriguing biography of one of the most famous women of modern times, who at 91 years old still seems fit and healthy and looks very unlikely to hand over the reins to her successors any time soon.

Queen Elizabeth II and the Royal Family is packed with fascinating facts. This colourful book lets children find out all about Elizabeth II and her family, while encouraging them to build their vocabulary and reading skills. Queen Elizabeth II and the Royal Family explains what the Queen does, shows children the palaces and castles she lives in, and reveals the amazing crown jewels. It also tells them about her relatives - the princes, princesses, dukes and duchesses that make up her family, including the two newest members Princess Charlotte and Prince George. A quiz at the end of the book lets children test their knowledge of Britain's longest-reigning monarch and her family.

When Elizabeth Alexandra Mary was born in 1926, no one ever thought that she would one day become queen. Readers will find out how a strange twist of events changed the line of succession in the British royal family, putting Elizabeth in line for the throne. They will also find out what Elizabeth's early life was like and how the United Kingdom has changed under her rule.

From one of England's most celebrated writers, a funny and superbly observed novella about the Queen of England and the subversive power of reading. When her corgis stray into a mobile library parked near Buckingham Palace, the Queen feels duty-bound to borrow a book. Discovering the joy of reading widely (from J. R. Ackerley, Jean Genet, and Ivy Compton-Burnett to the classics) and intelligently, she finds that her view of the world changes dramatically. Abetted in her newfound obsession by Norman, a young man from the royal kitchens, the Queen comes to question the prescribed order of the world and loses patience with the routines of her role as monarch. Her new passion for reading initially alarms the palace staff and soon leads to surprising and very funny consequences for the country at large. With the poignant and mischievous wit of *The History Boys*, England's best

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loved author Alan Bennett revels in the power of literature to change even the most uncommon reader's life.

As the editor of Majesty magazine, Ingrid Seward has developed professional and personal relationships with the royal family. We discover a surprising portrait of the English monarch and the princess, contradicting what the press has previously reported: a fragile Diana battling an unfeeling mother-in-law. We learn that the Queen tried to welcome Diana into the royal family and that Di failed to grasp the hand of friendship. From the princess herself we hear details of what went on between Prince Charles and Camilla Parker Bowles. And we glimpse much more about the inner workings of the extended royal family. Entertaining and factual, *The Queen & Di* stands apart and above the countless, often inaccurate, accounts published to date about Diana. Ingrid Seward reveals for the first time the true relationship between two important women of the 20th century. Skyhorse Publishing, along with our Arcade, Good Books, Sports Publishing, and Yucca imprints, is proud to publish a broad range of biographies, autobiographies, and memoirs. Our list includes biographies on well-known historical figures like Benjamin Franklin, Nelson Mandela, and Alexander Graham Bell, as well as villains from history, such as Heinrich Himmler, John Wayne Gacy, and O. J. Simpson. We have also published survivor stories of World War II, memoirs about overcoming adversity, first-hand tales of adventure, and much more. While not every title we publish becomes a New York Times bestseller or a national bestseller, we are committed to books on subjects that are sometimes overlooked and to authors whose work might not otherwise find a home.

Once upon a time, in 1930s England, there were two little princesses named Elizabeth and Margaret Rose. Their father was the Duke of York, the second son of King George V, and their Uncle David was the future King of England. We all know how the fairy tale ended: When King George died, "Uncle David" became King Edward VIII---who abdicated less than a year later to marry the scandalous Wallis Simpson. Suddenly the little princesses' father was King. The family moved to Buckingham Palace, and ten-year-old Princess Elizabeth became the heir to the crown she would ultimately wear for over fifty years. *The Little Princesses* shows us how it all began. In the early thirties, the Duke and Duchess of York were looking for someone to educate their daughters, Elizabeth and Margaret, then five- and two-years-old. They already had a nanny---a family retainer who had looked after their mother when she was a child---but it was time to add someone younger and livelier to the household. Enter Marion Crawford, a twenty-four-year-old from Scotland who was promptly dubbed "Crawfie" by the young Elizabeth and who would stay with the family for sixteen years. Beginning at the quiet family home in Piccadilly and ending with the birth of Prince Charles at Buckingham Palace in 1948, Crawfie tells how she brought the princesses up to be "Royal," while attempting to show them a bit of the ordinary world of underground trains, Girl Guides, and swimming lessons. *The Little Princesses* was first published in 1950 to a furor we cannot imagine today. It has been called the original "nanny diaries" because it was the first account of life with the Royals ever published. Although hers was a touching account of the childhood of the Queen and Princess Margaret, Crawfie was demonized by the press. The Queen Mother, who had been a great friend and who had, Crawfie maintained, given her permission to write the account, never spoke to her again. Reading *The Little Princesses* now, with a poignant new introduction by BBC royal correspondent Jennie Bond, offers fascinating insights into the changing lives and times of Britain's royal family.

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'To have any understanding of the Queen you must first read this book' Amanda Foreman In THE DEFINITIVE BIOGRAPHY, discover Elizabeth, the woman behind the throne, from the bestselling British Royal Family writer, Sally Bedell Smith.

----- An intimate portrait of Her Majesty the Queen. This definitive biography of Queen Elizabeth II is the first all-round, up-close picture of one of the most fascinating, enigmatic and admired women in the world. With exclusive access to the Queen's personal letters, close friends and associates, this intimate biography is a treasure trove of fresh insights on her public persona and her private life. It also explores her close relationships with her family, her children, and Prince Philip. This book will transport you back to a moment nine decades ago when a young Princess Elizabeth first discovered her destiny. Here we see how over the years she has navigated through the political challenges and personal sacrifices ahead of her, to put the Crown, the Country and her unswerving sense of duty first. There is so much more to our Queen than that which is reported, but in these pages we at last get to meet the leader, strategist, and diplomat; the daughter, wife, mother and grandmother - Elizabeth the Queen. 'Sally Bedell Smith offers her readers the illusion of knowing the Queen as a friend' The Economist 'A worthy addition to the shelves of royal watchers everywhere' The Independent

Royal Biographies Volume 1: Queen Elizabeth II and Queen Victoria - 2 Books in 1Featuring... \*Queen Elizabeth II \*Queen Victoria 2 Great Books in 1! Queen Elizabeth II At some point, when they reach their mid-sixties, most people will accept the ravages of later middle age and gracefully, often gratefully, ease themselves into retirement. Not so the Queen. At 91 years, Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II continues to work hard at her numerous duties for the nation and Commonwealth. Having held the throne for 65 years, she continues to demonstrate her commitment to fulfilling her various roles - Head of State, figurehead of many charities, Supreme Governor of the Church of England, upholder of the faith for the Church of Scotland. She may now undertake far fewer trips abroad, but her activities within the United Kingdom remain considerable. During her reign, there have been highs and lows, but through the divorces, disasters and, sadly, deaths, as well as the joys and jubilees, the Queen has stood firm. This, is her story. Queen Victoria The Victorian era defined many subsequent generations. It was a time of increased social, political and financial rectitude. It was a time of the expansion of the Empire, as Britain (for good, or as it is often considered today, bad) and its armies sought to extend their influence across the planet. Indeed, the Victorian period is often regarded as a time of peace, but in fact, there were almost continuous wars during the era. Afghanistan, India, Africa, the Crimea...Victorian Britain was a time of great industrial progress; a time of poverty in the cities but the birth of education.At the time she took the throne one child in five failed to reach their fifth birthday. A time of greater democracy and a front of respectability hiding darker secrets, of Jack the Ripper and, for thirty years of Victoria's reign, deportation to Australia could be a life sentence for the most insignificant of crimes. But what of the Queen of this time?

The hotly anticipated American edition of Robert Hardman's biography of Queen Elizabeth (formerly Our Queen in the U.K.)—An intimate portrait of England's soon-to-be longest reigning queen, in celebration of her diamond jubilee—and the first-ever book interview with her grandson, Prince William. History has known no monarch like her. She has traveled farther than all her

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predecessors put together and lived longer than any of them. She has known more historic figures than anyone alive—from Churchill to Mandela, de Gaulle to Obama. Now, the distinguished royal writer Robert Hardman has been granted special access to the world of Queen Elizabeth II to produce this enthralling new portrait of one of the most popular public figures on earth. Not only has Elizabeth II reigned through Britain's transformation from an imperial power to a multi-cultural nation, but she has also steered the monarchy through more reforms in the last twenty-five years than in the previous century. Queen Elizabeth II sits at the head of an ancient institution that remains simultaneously popular, regal, inclusive, and relevant in a twenty-first-century world. It is down to neither luck nor longevity: it is down to the shrewd judgment of a thoroughly modern monarchy—with no small assistance from the longest-serving consort in history. Here is the inside story.

Discover the inspiring story of Leonardo da Vinci, the artist, inventor, and engineer of the Italian Renaissance, in this fascinating kids' biography. Leonardo was a creative genius who wanted to understand how things worked. This ebook traces his life, from his birth in a hilltop village near Florence, Italy, through to his work as a painter, sculptor, and engineer. Leonardo made hundreds of drawings and paintings, including the Mona Lisa - probably the most famous painting in the world. Learn how Leonardo made detailed sketches of the human body and designs of parachutes, helicopters, and armoured tanks - many years before the technology existed to build them. This new kids' biography series from DK goes beyond the basic facts to tell the true life stories of history's most interesting and inspiring people. Full-colour photographs and hand-drawn illustrations complement age-appropriate narrative text to create an engaging book children will enjoy reading. Definition boxes, information sidebars, inspiring quotes, and other nonfiction text features add depth, and a handy reference section at the back makes DK Life Stories the one biography series everyone will want to collect.

In November 2017 the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary. As a 13-year-old Princess, she fell in love with Prince Philip of Greece, an ambitious naval cadet, and they married when she was 21; when she suddenly became Queen at 25, their lives changed forever. Philip has been her great support, but fortunately she also had a solid foundation that helped prepare her for a life dedicated to duty. With previously unpublished material and unique memories from friends and relatives who have known her since childhood, this book looks afresh and in richer depth at her life as Princess, glittering yet isolating. Vivid detail and anecdotes reveal more about her, the era in which she grew up and the people who shaped her life. The archives of royal confidante Lady Desborough and Private Secretary Sir Alec Hardinge reveal unseen letters from the Princess and the royal family, giving intimate insights into their lives and minds. Here is her sadness at the death of her nanny, Alah; her joy in her children; her melancholy as a young wife when Philip returns to his ship; the sensitivities of her father. Here too is the Princess with the aristocratic Bowes Lyons, her mother's family, who featured significantly in her life, yet rarely appear in books. The author sheds new light on anomalies surrounding the birth of her mother who, it has been asserted, was the daughter of the family's cook. The strain of wartime on the royal family is highlighted in new material contrasting the stance of the Princess's uncles, the Duke of Windsor and David Bowes Lyon. In contrast with her upbringing, Philip's early life was turbulent,

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although their lives shared some interesting parallels. Lady Butter, a relation of Philip and friend of the Princess, recalls time spent with each of them; and unpublished documents show how intelligence agencies considered the socialist influence of the Mountbattens on Philip and thus on the royal court. More importantly, Princess traces how an “ordinary country girl” suddenly found herself in the line of succession to the crown at age ten when her Uncle, the Duke of Windsor, abdicated the throne to his brother Albert (“Bertie” to family and friends), the once and future King George VI. Breaking new ground for a future English monarch, she became the first female member of the royal family to serve on active duty during World War II, and broke tradition by sending her children away to school rather than having them privately tutored. Indeed, by the time of her coronation in 1953, she had already achieved a “broad and solid background from which she could draw during the rapidly changing times of her long reign. Out of a little princess they made a Queen.”

Perfect for fans of *The Crown*, this captivating biography from a New York Times bestselling author follows Queen Elizabeth II and her sister Margaret as they navigate life in the royal spotlight. They were the closest of sisters and the best of friends. But when, in a quixotic twist of fate, their uncle Edward VIII decided to abdicate the throne, the dynamic between Elizabeth and Margaret was dramatically altered. Forever more Margaret would have to curtsy to the sister she called 'Lilibet.' And bow to her wishes. Elizabeth would always look upon her younger sister's antics with a kind of stoical amusement, but Margaret's struggle to find a place and position inside the royal system—and her fraught relationship with its expectations—was often a source of tension. Famously, the Queen had to inform Margaret that the Church and government would not countenance her marrying a divorcee, Group Captain Peter Townsend, forcing Margaret to choose between keeping her title and royal allowances or her divorcee lover. From the idyll of their cloistered early life, through their hidden war-time lives, into the divergent paths they took following their father's death and Elizabeth's ascension to the throne, this book explores their relationship over the years. Andrew Morton's latest biography offers unique insight into these two drastically different sisters—one resigned to duty and responsibility, the other resistant to it—and the lasting impact they have had on the Crown, the royal family, and the ways it adapted to the changing mores of the 20th century.

A charming collection of quotes and anecdotes celebrating England's Queen Elizabeth II, the incomparable British monarch. When we think of the queen, we probably picture a serious, dignified personage complete with majestic hat and matching handbag. But *The Wicked Wit of Queen Elizabeth II* reveals a side of the monarch the public rarely sees, her healthy sense of humor: sometimes silly, sometimes sarcastic—and occasionally unintentional (to guitar legend Eric Clapton: “Have you been playing long?”)! This is a delightful celebration of the queen's humor revealed through her own words on topics from family and travel to pets and hobbies, as well as stories from the royal household of Britain's longest-serving monarch. In addition to the queen, other royals get in their two cents, including the famously filterless Prince Philip and the acerbic Princess Margaret, as well as Prince Charles and Princess Anne.

Elizabeth II has lived through the Abdication, the Blitz and World War Two, the sex and spy scandals of the swinging sixties, the

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Cold War and the nuclear threat and the Fall of the Berlin Wall. She has known 11 US Presidents including JFK and Ronald Reagan, and other world leaders like President Mandela and Pope John XXII. Her Prime Ministers have ranged from Winston Churchill and Margaret Thatcher to David Cameron, the last only ten years older than her grandson. Her own family experiences, a mixture of happiness and crisis, weddings and divorces, and, in the case of Diana, violent death, have been lived in the glare of tabloid headlines. More than 2 billion people watched the wedding of her grandson Prince William to Catherine Middleton in 2010 shortly before she made the first State Visit to Ireland by a British monarch for 100 years. Our world has changed more in her lifetime than in any of her predecessors': the Queen has remained a calm presence at the centre, earning the respect of monarchists and republicans.

How did a little girl who loved horses become the longest reigning monarch in England? Find out in this addition to the #1 New York Times best-selling Who Was? series! In 1936, the life of ten-year-old Princess Elizabeth of York changed forever. Although she was a member of the British Royal Family, she never expected to become queen. But when her uncle Edward gave up the throne, suddenly her father was the new king, which meant young Elizabeth was next in line! Queen Elizabeth has reigned since 1953, and while there are palaces galore, the crown jewels, and trips around the world, her life has been one of strict discipline and duty. This riveting chronicle follows the life of a woman who is a public figure and an intensely private person and explores how she has kept the monarchy together through good times and bad.

A tribute to the life and enduring reign of Elizabeth II draws on numerous interviews and previously undisclosed documents to juxtapose the queen's public and private lives, providing coverage of such topics as her teen romance with Philip, her contributions during World War II and the scandals that have challenged her family. (This book was previously listed in Forecast.)

In 1977, Robert Lacey's bestselling MAJESTY was the first serious biography of Elizabeth II, defining the affection for the Queen that underlay the popular success of the Silver Jubilee. Now, on the fiftieth anniversary of her accession, ROYAL brings her remarkable story up to date. It provides a fresh portrait of her relationship with Prince Philip, and its effect on their children; it describes how the Queen has worked to live up to and maintain her strongly held beliefs, shaped over the years by the wishes and dreams - and sometimes the anger and unhappiness - of the people; and it explains how and why the monarchy continues to enjoy such enduring support. In addition, the Jubilee Paperback edition has been updated to reflect all the fast-changing events of the Jubilee year, specifically: \* The controversy over the work activities of Prince Edward and Sophie \* Prince Harry's escapades with drink and drugs \* The death of Princess Margaret \* The death of royal critic Lord Altrincham

With interest in the royal couple at a new peak thanks to the hit TV series The Crown, Ingrid Seward reveals the real story of the marriage of Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip. When a young Princess Elizabeth met and fell in love with the dashing Naval Lieutenant Prince Philip of Greece and Denmark, it wasn't without its problems. The romance between the sailor prince and the young princess brought a splash of colour to a nation still in the grip of post-war austerity. When they married in Westminster Abbey in November 1947, there were 3000 guests, including six kings and seven queens. Within five years, as Queen Elizabeth II,

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she would ascend to the throne and later be crowned in front of millions watching through the new medium of television. Throughout her record-breaking reign, she relied on the formidable partnership she had made with her consort. Now, after 70 years of their marriage, acclaimed royal biographer Ingrid Seward sheds new light on their relationship and its impact on their family and on the nation. In *My Husband and I*, we discover the challenges faced by Prince Philip as he has had to learn to play second fiddle to the Queen in all their public engagements, but we also get a revealing insight into how their relationship operates behind closed doors. As the years have gone by, there have been rumours of marital troubles, fierce debates over how to bring up their children, and they have had to deal with family traumas - from scandalous divorces to shocking deaths - in the full glare of the public eye. But somehow, their relationship has endured and provided a model of constancy to inspire all around them. This book is not only a vivid portrait of a hugely important marriage, it is a celebration of the power of love.

The story of the life of Queen Elizabeth II, told through her clothes and jewellery – and a gorgeous gift to treasure. A big beautiful book to celebrate the Queen's 95th birthday in style! Includes a foreword by Michele Clapton, costume designer for series one of Netflix's *The Crown*, giving a peek behind the scenes at the recreation some of the Queen's most famous outfits. Did you know the Queen's crown weighs as much as a bag of potatoes? Or that she has her own tartan nobody else is allowed to wear? Written by the Waterstones Children's Book Prize-winning Julia Golding, *The Queen's Wardrobe* is packed with fascinating stories and astounding facts about our record-breaking Queen. The detailed, humorous and colourful artwork from bestselling Kate Hindley shows what it's really like to grow up as a princess. This book brings to life the story of a young princess who grew into one of the world's best-loved and most famous royals, touching on wartime truck-fixing, ration-book wedding dress making, splendid gowns, trusty wellies, the Crown Jewels and jumping out of a helicopter with James Bond.

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Packed with stunning revelations, this is the inside story of *The Queen Mother* from the New York Times bestselling author who

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first revealed the truth about Princess Diana Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother has been called the "most successful queen since Cleopatra." Her personality was so captivating that even her arch-enemy Wallis Simpson wrote about "her legendary charm." Portrayed as a selfless partner to the King in the Oscar-winning movie *The King's Speech*, The Queen Mother is most often remembered from her later years as the smiling granny with the pastel hats. When she died in 2002, just short of her 102nd birthday, she was praised for a long life well lived. But there was another side to her story. For the first time, Lady Colin Campbell shows us that the untold life of the Queen Mother is far more fascinating and moving than the official version that has been peddled ever since she became royal in 1923. With unparalleled sources—including members of the Royal Family, aristocrats, and friends and relatives of Elizabeth herself—this mesmerizing account takes us inside the real and sometimes astonishing world of the royal family.

With Prince Philip's passing at age 99, *People* pays tribute to history's longest-serving royal consort in a photo-filled commemorative edition. The day of Queen Elizabeth's 1953 coronation, her husband, Philip Mountbatten, also took a vow: To stand by the monarch, who happened also to be the love of his life. With intimate family pictures and glorious historical moments, this special issue looks at Philip's life, from his turbulent childhood through his decades of public duty to the Crown. The son of Prince Andrew of Greece and Denmark and Princess Alice of Battenberg served his adopted country first as a naval officer and then as the "strength and stay" of the queen, to whom he was wed for 73 years. Father to Princes Charles, Andrew and Edward and to Princess Anne, he was a grandfather to eight (including Princes William and Harry), and a great-grandfather of nine. Flinty and frank, he was known for the occasional verbal gaffe but also for being someone the queen "can have a laugh with," according to an insider. *People's* unparalleled royal coverage tells the story of a royal romance that weathered good years and bad. As a bridesmaid at their 1947 wedding told *People* when Elizabeth

Learn how Lady Diana Spencer became the People's Princess as she takes her place in the ranks of the *Who Was?* series. A shy twenty-year-old girl stepped out of a horse-drawn coach and into the world spotlight, capturing the imagination of millions as a real life fairytale princess. Although the storybook marriage didn't have a happy ending, Diana learned to use her fame as a way to champion charitable causes near to her heart. She became the People's Princess by humanizing the image of the royal family and showing care and concern for all people, including the homeless, the sick, and others in need.

This year Queen Elizabeth II enjoys 60 glorious years as monarch with a Diamond Jubilee celebration to be held on 5th June 2012. *Queen Elizabeth II, Her Story* recounts the life of our Queen from her birth to present day. It is the story of a princess who became Queen and head of the Royal House of Windsor. \* Birth of a Princess \* The Little Princesses \* Life in the Palace \* Princess at War \* Elizabeth becomes Queen \* The Royal Family \* Royal Duties \* The Royal family Tree Early photographs capture the Queen's early years and a Royal family tree place the events of her life in context.

In 2019, the Queen finally appears to be at ease in the modern world, helped by the new generation of Windsors, while – ironically – the campaign for Brexit encourages in the British people a backward yearning for a glorious age that never

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really existed. But here, through Clive Irving's unique insight, we find a more fragile institution, whose extraordinarily dutiful matriarch has managed to persevere by making a Faustian pact with the media. From the 'annus horribilis' that was 1992, the Queen's reputation, and thus that of the monarchy, has staged a remarkable recovery and arguably stands at an all-time high. *The Last Queen* is not a conventional biography. It follows Elizabeth and her family's struggle to survive in the face of unprecedented changes in attitudes towards the royal family with the critical eye of an investigative reporter who is present and involved.

"Sunday Times bestselling author Wendy Holden brings to life the unknown childhood years of one of the world's most iconic figures, Queen Elizabeth II, and reveals the little-known governess who made Britain's queen into the monarch we know today. In 1933, twenty-two-year-old Marion Crawford accepts the role of a lifetime, tutoring their Royal Highnesses Elizabeth and Margaret Rose. Her one stipulation to their parents the Duke and Duchess of York is that she bring some doses of normalcy into the sheltered and privileged lives of the two young princesses. At Buckingham Palace, Windsor Castle, and Balmoral, Marion defies oppressive court protocol to take the girls on tube trains, swimming at public baths, and on joyful Christmas shopping trips at Woolworth's. From her ringside seat at the heart of the British monarchy she witnesses the upheaval of the Abdication and the glamour and drama of the 1937 Coronation. During the war, as Hitler's Heinkels fly over Windsor, she shelters her charges in the castle dungeons (not far from where the Crown Jewels are hidden in a biscuit tin). Afterwards, she is there when Elizabeth first sets eyes on Philip. But being beloved governess and confidante to the Windsor family has come at a cost. She puts her private life on hold until released from royal service following Princess Elizabeth's marriage in 1947. In a majestic story of love, sacrifice, and allegiance, bestselling novelist Holden shines a captivating light into the years before Queen Elizabeth II took the throne, as immortalized on the popular television series *The Crown*"--

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A tie-in to the 60th anniversary of the current British monarch's ascension to the throne explores the private character of the queen behind her public persona, providing coverage of such topics as the circumstances of her early coronation, her relationship with international heads of state and her struggles with family challenges. (This book was previously listed in Forecast.)

There is huge excitement at the palace. It's the Queen's birthday, and this year it's a very special birthday--the Queen will be ninety years old! In the palace, Mr. Wiggins, the Master of Ceremonies, has been hard at work organizing the celebrations. Now everything is ready--but for one thing. The Queen still has to choose the perfect birthday crown! Published to celebrate The Queen's ninetieth birthday, this enchanting book, illustrated with delightful cut-paper collages, tells the story of the search for the perfect crown for this very special day. As wee readers turn the pages, they can try to guess which crown will finally be chosen. Will it be the crown from the royal jewelers? The one from the royal chocolate-makers or the royal stables? Or are none of these quite right for such a special day? A story about the things that are truly important on any birthday, making special new memories while keeping the old ones close by, *The Birthday Crown*

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will capture the imagination of young readers, while the detailed and amusing illustrations will create an experience they'll want to return to again and again.

In *Royal Sisters*, Anne Edwards, author of the best-selling *Vivien Leigh: A Biography* and *Matriarch: Queen Mary and the House of Windsor*, has written the first dual biography of Elizabeth, the princess who was to become Queen, and her younger sister, Margaret, who was to be her subject. From birth to maturity, they were the stuff of which dreams are made. "I'm three and you're four," the future Queen, then a child, imperiously informed her sister. The younger girl, not understanding this reference to their position in the succession, proudly countered, "No, you're not. I'm three, you're seven." The royal sisters had no choice in their historic positions, but behind the palace gates and within the all-too-human confines of their personalities, they displayed tremendous individuality and suffered the usual symptoms of sibling rivalry. *Royal Sisters* provides an unprecedented and intimate portrait of these most famous siblings during their formative and dramatic youthful years. It is also one of the twentieth century's most fascinating stories of sisterly loyalty. Edwards's book is an honest look at how the royal sisters feel toward each other, their parents, their close relations and the men whom they have loved. It openly discusses, with new insights and information, the romance of Elizabeth and Philip and the tragic aborted love affair between Margaret and Group Captain Peter Townsend, and it has a cast of characters ranging from the youthful sisters' suitors to Winston Churchill and the entire Royal Family. It is also the story of the making of a queen, of the high drama of her situation in the Townsend affair, of the real effect their uncle's abdication had on the sisters' lives, and of the internecine feuds that have brewed within the Royal Family since that time. Brought vividly to life through the many personal interviews of close royal associates, filled with new facts, previously unpublished anecdotes and photographs, *Royal Sisters* is a never-before-glimpsed look at the relationship of the Queen and Princess Margaret.

2012 sees the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II, celebrating 60 years as Queen. This book tells the story of her as a young princess, through to her coronation in 1953 and her life as Queen in modern Britain.

*All The Queen's Corgis* is a look at all the dogs our Sovereign has owned during the course of her life, their individual personalities, quirks and eccentricities and the special relationship she has had with them. This fun and affectionate book complete with wonderful photographs tells the stories of the Queen's closest companions over the years, her beloved corgis, dorgis and gundogs. From the people they have bitten over the years to the scrapes they have been involved in, *All The Queen's Corgis* will tell you how they live, what they eat, who prepares their food and who gives it to them how they are trained, where they are walked and where they are buried after their deaths. A book for dog-lovers everywhere on what really makes our much-loved and longest reigning monarch truly light up.

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**THE QUEEN: Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II - A Royal Biography**At some point, when they reach their mid-sixties, most people will accept the ravages of later middle age and gracefully, often gratefully, ease themselves into retirement. Not so the Queen. At 91 years, Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II continues to work hard at her numerous duties for the nation and Commonwealth. Having held the throne for 65 years, she continues to demonstrate her commitment to fulfilling her various roles - Head of State, figurehead of many charities, Supreme Governor of the Church of England, upholder of the faith for the Church of Scotland. She may now undertake far fewer trips abroad, but her activities within the United Kingdom remain considerable. During her reign, there have been highs and lows, but through the divorces, disasters and, sadly, deaths, as well as the joys and jubilees, the Queen has stood firm. With the support of her husband, Prince Phillip, children Charles, Anne, Andrew and Edward, numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren she has remained an overwhelmingly popular monarch. How has she achieved this? What enabled her to overcome the tribulations of the '80s and '90s? And why does she remain loved and respected in the hearts of so many?

Presents the life of Queen Elizabeth I, from her birth to Henry VIII and Anne Boleyn in 1533 and her imprisonment by her half-sister, to her reign as queen, which brought peace, stability, and prosperity to sixteenth-century England.

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**DK Life Stories Queen Elizabeth II** Amazing people who have shaped our world Penguin

Meet Queen Elizabeth II as a young princess! With the world's eyes on the Royal Family as the Queen celebrates her Diamond Jubilee, this timely title lets young readers meet Queen Elizabeth II as a young princess, doing her best to help her country during a time of war. It's 1939 and on a royal tour of Dartmouth Naval College, Princess Elizabeth (later Queen Elizabeth II) meets the dashing Prince Philip of Greece. When war breaks out across Europe, Philip is sent to serve in the navy and Elizabeth convinces her father the king to allow her to sign up for the war effort. Serving her country driving trucks and fixing cars, Elizabeth wonders if

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she'll ever see her prince again...

In this biography, discover the incredible story of Anne Frank, the courageous young writer who hid from the Nazis during World War II. Anne Frank's diary is read by children and adults worldwide. It tells two stories: one of an extraordinary young girl living in hiding during one of the most fearsome times in history, and one of a relatable young girl facing the same questions and troubles that kids come up against today. Learn how both sides of this puzzle made up the person who is Anne Frank. Meet her family and friends, explore "The Annex" where they hid, and see her story put in historical context alongside information about World War II and the Holocaust, and Hitler and Nazi Germany. This new biography series from DK goes beyond the basic facts to tell the true life stories of history's most interesting people. Full-color photographs and hand-drawn illustrations complement thoughtfully written, age-appropriate text to create an engaging book children will enjoy reading. Definition boxes, information sidebars, maps, inspiring quotes, and other nonfiction text features add depth, and a handy reference section at the back makes this the one biography series every teacher and librarian will want to collect. Each book also includes an author's introduction letter, a glossary, and an index.

The inside story of The Queen's Marriage from renowned royal author Lady Colin Campbell contains previously undisclosed revelations. In this new book royal historian Lady Colin Campbell covers The Queen's Marriage in intimate detail. Using her connections and impeccable sources she recounts details of the inside story of the monarch's relationship with the Duke of Edinburgh and her close family.

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