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As the editor of Majesty magazine, author Ingrid Seward developed professional and personal relationships with the royal family. In "The Queen & DI," we discover a surprising portrait of the British monarch and the princess, contradicting what the press has previously reported: a fragile Diana battling an unfeeling mother-in-law. And we glimpse much more of 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.

- The never-ending fascination with the British royal family, especially Diana, the "People's Princess, " ensures a broad audience.
- Far more insightful and captivating than all other insider accounts about the Windsors, this book reveals the real woman behind the fairy-tale princess.

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Debbie Mitchell says

An eye opening look into the life of The Queen & Lady Di

I love biography and autobiography so I decided to give this one a try. I really enjoyed seeing into the lives of two remarkable women.

Kara says

This book is not very good. It is written to support the royalist line against Diana. The author is a snob, & her justifications of the royal family stretch credulity. For example Anne is a disagreeable person. When Diana first met her at Windsor castle, Diana kneeled to her, as Diana was a lady at the time. Anne refused to acknowledge her in any way, according to the author looking right past her, Diana fled in tears. This was Diana's fault, as Anne didn't like ceremony. The direct quote from the book is 'this was a mistake on Diana's part'. However, no one had told her how to deal with Anne. No one had given her any advice at all - one of Diana's recurring complaints. Read this if you're interested in reading royalist justifications for truly horrible behavior, but I would suggest reading some other books about Diana & the times to get a fairer picture.

Graceann says

Ingrid Seward has written a great deal about the royal family, and spent many years as editor of "Majesty" Magazine, so she knows the ins and outs. I suspect her closeness to the subject has caused her to lose her objectivity, however. Instead of a researched portrait of two complex women navigating their relationship, we receive a largely anti-Diana tome with liberal doses of name-dropping (as in "when Charles and I had tea together at Highgrove, he said...") just to make sure the reader doesn't forget that the author "knows" these people and thus should be trusted.

There is nothing new here, though those of us who have read a fair amount about the Royals will notice the things that are missing. Diana's tantrums are here, but interviews with those who might show her in a positive light are absent. Were actual, contemporary interviews conducted, or did all the research consist of reading previously published works that attest to the agenda set out before the first word was typed? Charles' well-meaning efforts to help his wife are duly (if not entirely believably) transmitted, but I see no mention of the many times, noted in numerous sources, when he was just as awful to her as she was to him. And how is it that an entire book is devoted to this couple's married life with no mention whatsoever of Kanga Tryon? For a while, all three of the other women in Charles' life - the Queen, Diana and Camilla, considered her a threat, but she's invisible here.

The Queen comes off very well, and for the most part that is probably fair. My feeling, based on the reading I've done elsewhere (and also mentioned here) is that she loathes confrontation and, further, determined that her 30-something year old son should be able to handle an adult relationship without having Mummy hold his hand. I imagine she did try to be supportive of Diana, but their worlds were just too far apart. The Queen

was groomed for her position from the time she was a small child; Diana jumped into the deep end at a very immature age 19. The Queen has always had a "just get on with it" mentality, and Diana never had that mindset. It would have taken a miracle for these two minds to meet somewhere in the middle and for the Queen to be able to offer truly useful assistance to the new Princess.

Jo Ann Bailey says

Very one-sided and unfair. Overly critical of a woman no longer able to defend herself.

Really now. Talk about rewriting history. Nice try, making Charles out to be the innocent one and Diana as the lunatic. She is no longer able to defend herself and this book is pathetic.

Kim Bolton says

I have read several biographies of Princess Diana including this one and I have to say that my opinion of Princess Diana has drastically changed. Many writers are now revising their opinion of Diana's character since her death in 1997. I was appalled by what she put her eldest son through and the things she revealed to him that a young adolescent should not be exposed to, no matter what their station in life. While appearing to be a very caring person to the world public, which I'm sure she was, there was a darker side to this woman she did not want people to see, one who was very self-absorbed and temperamental and who could be unkind when she chose to be. She was severely emotionally unstable and someone should have gotten her help before her boys were traumatized by what she put them through. I will never look at Diana the same way again.

Kristy Hoffman says

Seemed really biased against Diana...I realize she was no saint but it does seem rather ignorant to bash her now. Yes I am a fan of Diana and am sad she is gone. It's a shame she never got a chance to work her issues out and find happiness in her life...I do believe she was good at heart and genuinely cared about people.

JT says

This book read like a novel and I couldn't put it down. Unlike the other studies of both the women concerned, this one painted a more emotional response of all those involved in this royal drama. If you enjoy reading about this period of history and have a couple of 'me' hours, I suggest that reading this book is a good way of passing the time.

Susan says

I've seen some of the reviews on this book when I was adding it to my shelves, and if you are a fan of Diana

you won't care for this book at all. I've read biographies of Prince Charles, Prince William and several others of the British Royal Family, and had already gotten the impression that Diana showed one face to the world and quite another when she was alone with Charles and other members of the family. She felt she couldn't get enough attention from her husband, and often her attempts to force him to pay attention to her backfired and drove him further away.

I hadn't known much about her early life before reading this book; the author partially attributes Diana's need for attention to her mother's leaving the family for a lover when Diana was very young. Nor had I realized that the Queen had stood by Diana for as long as she did; it seems she was the last person in the Family to finally give up on her.

I think this is an excellent book to read to round out one's understanding of the turbulent period of Charles and Diana's marriage.

Anthony L. Peters says

Unsympathetic volume toward Princess Diana

Of the many books about the late Princess Diana, this is more sympathetic toward Queen Elizabeth and the royal "Firm" than some others that I have read. It is well written and worth the time I spent completing the whole thing.

Linda says

This was interesting to me, but it was kind of a hatchet job on Diana. I think she certainly had feet of clay but this book makes her seem deranged at times.

Pug Cake says

An easy and intriguing read. Nothing that I hadn't heard before, but I enjoy the gossip and I like reading about people who are bigger trainwrecks than me.

Dorothy Ray says

Just downright awful!

The author's disdain for Diana comes through loud and clear. So much misinformation and lies I could not bring myself to finish the book. Don't waste your time. Read Christopher Anderson's The Day Diana Died if you want to read about Diana. GARBAGE

Sandy says

This book seemed to go on forever. Many of things in it I have heard or read many times before. What I learned was good and bad. The good: The Queen is an amazing women. She stands tall in spite of the craziness that goes on around her. She defended Diana almost to the bitter end. The bad: Diana was so manipulative. More so than I ever realized. This is a tragic story. If people would just behave like civilized adults and deal with the head that they are dealt many of these problems would not have happened.

Kathy Schnure says

This book tells the behind the scenes story of the Queen's relationship with Princess Diana. I found it to be honest and doesn't put the blame of what happened on only one person.

Ann Doerffel says

A Profile of Duty

This was a very interesting review of two women - not just any women - but Queen Elizabeth II of Great Britain and the late Diana, Princess of Wales. One born to the position and the other who married into the position.

The British Royal Family holds a fascination to many Americans. This book, although an unauthorized version gave insight into the tragic life and death of Diana. It seems she was ill suited to the position she found herself in. Her sad childhood left her with a huge need for love and happiness and belonging.

The Queen seemed to try her best to help her but Diana was looking for a mother. The Queen was the monarch. I am sure that to survive in that position which Diana was in needed someone mature and comfortable in their own skin.

Overall the book was interesting and a fairly easy read.
