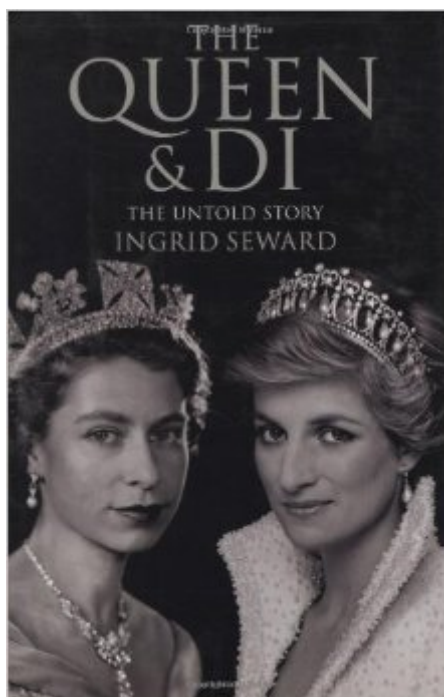


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The Queen & Di: The Untold Story



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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.

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This book about the often complex relationship between the Queen and Princess Diana had a promising start with the author's account of her meeting with the Princess. However, it degenerates into an unrelenting catalog of Princess Diana's transgressions and rarely has a good word to say about the Princess. It rehashes some of the negativism expounded in Penny Junor's and Sally Bedell Smith's works. Seward agrees with Bedell Smith that Diana had Borderline Personality Disorder plus was the first to cheat in the royal marriage (providing sketchy evidence of this allegation). The list of Diana's alleged misdeeds include: pretending not to be home to her sister and father; not sleeping with Charles after Prince Harry's birth (testimony of Charles's associates); being a shrew to Charles, always shouting at him; being obsessed with Camilla Parker Bowles; dressing

up like a police officer and going on the town with Sarah Ferguson; and competing with Charles. Seward cannot seem to find one good thing to say about the Princess and seems to blame her for much of the problems in the marriage. Incredibly, also, Seward implies that if Diana did not find out from Charles telling her that Camilla was a former flame, Diana's obsession and jealousy could have been avoided. Seward ignores the evidence about the Charles-Camilla association that Diana was able to figure out for herself (e.g. Camilla's enduring presence during the engagement and her picture falling out of Charles' engagement book during the royal honeymoon). Strangely, the author does not condemn Camilla, a married woman for much of the time she was involved with the Prince, for her transgressions. Queen Elizabeth II is depicted in a much better light as a woman who is a dedicated ruler, yet human as well.

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