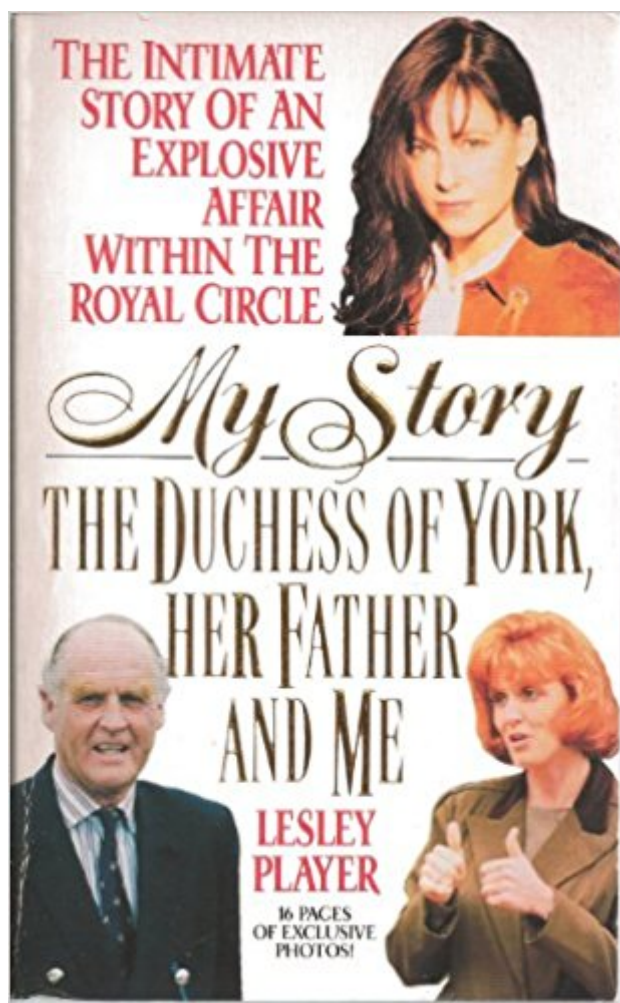


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# My Story: The Duchess Of York, Her Father And Me



## Synopsis

In 1990 Lesley Player organized the first-ever women's polo tournament. She instantly became a part of an international jet set - and the object of an obsessive love from the Duchess of York's father Major Ferguson. Her story tells of the affair, her times with Sarah and Andrew and her encounters with Steve Wyatt and John Bryan. Her story, which resulted in personal and financial ruin for her, is a story of glamour and opportunism that went disastrously wrong.

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## Customer Reviews

When I purchased this paperback book, I (maybe wrongly) believed it would be an in depth eye witness account concerning the relationship between the Duke and Duchess of York and their subsequent break-up. This is not exactly the way it turned out. In the first few pages, the reader is informed the book was written to tell Lesley Player's side concerning a huge scandal involving claims of missing funds after a charity polo match she arranged. The book title does not mention the polo event or scandal. Yet it is still a good read and offers a different perspective from the one supposedly presented by the press at the time. The majority of the book is devoted to Lesley Player's life from childhood, her education, marriage, divorce, jobs, etc., and later her affair with a married, much older Major Ron Ferguson. The two become lovers not long after meeting to work on organizing a world-wide ladies charity polo tournament in England. What I discovered is best described as a third hand account concerning MOST of the York's marriage woes, rather than a totally eye-witness account by Lesley. I say 3rd hand because (1) An "X" event happened; (2)

Sarah, Duchess of York told her father, Major Ferguson; and (3) Major Ferguson told his mistress Lesley Player. Sarah, Duchess of York really does not materialize until about mid-way or further into the book. Although Sarah and Lesley become "friends" and Lesley spends some weekends as a guest at Sunninghill (The Yorks' home) on a few occasions, she does not learn too much first-hand about the unhappiness of the York marriage and she only meets Andrew, Duke of York twice at Sunninghill in about a year's time. Consistently, he, as a naval officer is at sea. According to Lesley, on both occasions Andrew seemed almost lost, unhappy and unwelcome in the house. Sarah makes a few off-hand comments about her relationship with her husband while Lesley is present in the room but mainly Andrew is not mentioned. Despite such glimpses, Lesley mainly learns about Sarah's dissatisfaction with Andrew, and her desire to leave her husband through conversations with the Major. For the most part, Sarah seems interested in having fun, and generally appears cheerful around Lesley. At some point in the friendship, Lesley is asked to serve as Sarah's lady-in-waiting. During such royal events the Major accompanies his daughter too. While on the road, Lesley notices Sarah's mood swings, yet it is the Major who interprets the meaning behind Sarah's highs and lows to Lesley. Besides her relationship with the Major, Lesley has a brief affair with Steven Wyatt and finally learned (through the Major) Wyatt is seeing the Duchess of York. Mostly, Sarah's mood rises or falls depending on whether she receives a telephone call from Steven Wyatt or not ----although Sarah expects him to phone her. Despite my expectations of the book, and my disapproval concerning the book's principle characters' morals aside, I finished the book feeling sorry for Lesley Player. After the polo tournament concluded, Lesley finds herself being accused of irregularities associated with claims of missing charity money. Lesley is flabbergasted when contacted by the press concerning these claims. The Save the Children's Fund (the benefactors of the polo charity event's proceeds) however, denied any knowledge of money issues and Fund representatives insisted the children's charity received all the money expected. To Lesley's surprise and dismay, neither the Major nor his daughter Sarah, Duchess of York would publicly support her although she practically begged them. In the end Lesley Player is cleared but not before her name and reputation are ruined. No explanation was offered as to the source of the ultimately unsubstantiated claims or who alerted the press. The press printed the claims as fact without any tangible proof or official charges against Lesley.

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