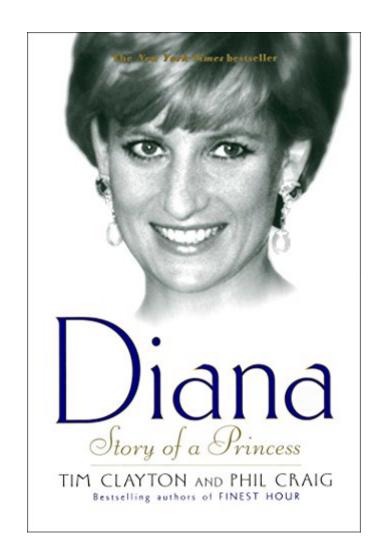


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Diana: Story Of A Princess





Synopsis

Based on the groundbreaking ITV/The Learning Channel documentary series, and drawn from years of research and dozens of interviews with friends and associates speaking on the record for the first time, Diana contains never-before-revealed information and stunning insights about the beloved -- and largely misunderstood -- Princess of Wales. From claims that Diana was ready to leave Charles just weeks before the wedding to her lifelong battle against depression, from world-exclusive interviews with Diana's beau James Hewitt and her "surrogate mother-in-law" Shirley Hewitt to details about the unconventional "arrangements" in the royal household -- between Diana and James, Charles and Camilla Parker Bowles -- Diana is an honest, objective, and unparalleled biography. With thirty-two photographs -- including several never before published -- Diana shows all facets of this fascinating woman: her magic, her manipulations, her dazzling public persona, and her place in her people's hearts and history.

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Customer Reviews

I'm not sure what I felt while I was reading this book. Weeks after finishing it, I'm not sure how I feel still. There are times where I was rolling my eyes at Diana, other times I felt very sympathetic towards her. My book club friends are avid Diana supporters, and I often get berated for being a little standoffish towards Diana. I had hoped this book would give me a bit more insight into her life as a whole, and I guess with that in mind it did. It begins with Diana's childhood and goes up to her death, and did a very good job detailing her younger life. The whole "who was wrong more" debate is waged here as well, but it didn't sway my mind at all. Diana was a wronged woman but Charles was a wronged man. Sadly, two wrongs don't make a right and it was pretty upsetting reading about the dissolution of a marriage that initially held such promise. As a daughter of divorced parents, I just kept thinking to myself "What did William and Harry feel throughout this?" probably they were protected from most of it, but some of the controversies had to have made their way to the kids. read this to gain a new perspective on Diana, but I feel that it may have solidified my aversion to her. She was a fascinating person for sure, but her actions were not those of a sweet good natured person. She did some good, she worked well with others, but she also had guite a destructive personality. I guess what I'm struggling with is while I enjoyed the book, I'm kinda weirded out by rationalizations that people use to condone Diana's cheating, her destructiveness, her rudeness to members of the royal family and then her confusion as to why members of the royal family were rude or angry with her etc. It got under my skin, and I became annoyed with her. If you are interested in Diana, I would recommend this book. It was written not too long after her death, and I feel that a more recent book may offer a slightly different perspective. I am impressed with the research done here, and the interviews that the authors were able to get. I'm a photographer and I found the interludes with members of the press very interesting. There is some good stuff here, I just wasn't overly impressed with the way it was presented.

I have read many books about Princess Diana, I found this book to be well researched and thoughtful. No-one can write a book because of so many unknown facts cannot be answered. The authors seemed to acknowledge the lack of unknown facts, where as many other books assumed things that cannot be proven. This book envelopes you to years ago and the sadness of Diana's passing. Her boys, now men resemble their mother in many ways. I think she would be so proud.

I thought this book was pretty balanced in it's approach to Diana. It told about her faults as well as her glory. I have a better understanding of her as a person, not just a royal, having read the book. The writing was hard to follow in places where it would jump ahead or behind the current timeframe it was discussing to bring up a relevant point. Some of the name dropping and family connections were a bit confusing for someone who isn't familiar with everyone involved in the story.

Fascinating read! Loved it! Highly recommend! A+++

It's a hard read because it drags and never seems to take off. I'm a huge Diana fan, but I still haven't been able to finish it.

I love Diana, Princess of Wales so this was perfect for me. I would highly recommend it.

This book is written by documentary writers, and really concentrates on the proven facts about Diana's life, as opposed to all the hype we've heard from the media. Very well written, and extremely interesting. I highly recommend this book.

I have read every Diana book published, and each time I pick up another bit of unknown information. This author was successful.

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