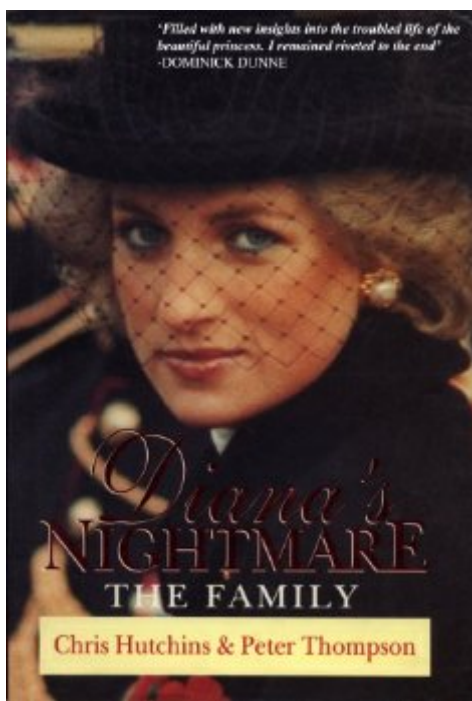


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Diana's Nightmare - The Family



Synopsis

Diana's Nightmare: THE FAMILY By Chris Hutchins and Peter Thompson Even before Lady Diana Spencer married into the most revered family on earth, she had her suspicions that the kith and kin of Prince Charles were not all they seemed-to-be. No sooner had she become the Princess of Wales and moved into Kensington Palace than her fears were confirmed: the House of Windsor constituted a flawed dynasty. Diana's Nightmare reveals the previously untold secrets Diana discovered about her royal relatives. This book exposes how intensely Charles and Camilla Parker Bowles contrived to exclude her, it reveals the Queen was angry and bitter at her family's indiscretions, how the Queen Mother's indifference was matched only by Prince Philip's blind range over Diana's determination to find her own path, what really went on between the Duke and Duchess of York and how Prince Edward witnessed Diana's tantrums at Balmoral. As Dominick Dunne wrote: 'Just when I thought I couldn't read another word about the tribulations of HRH Princess Diana, along came Chris Hutchins and Peter Thompson's fascinating book with new insights into the troubled life of the beautiful and unhappy princess. I remained riveted to the end'.

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Customer Reviews

This is a well-paced and truly insightful account of royal life, or life as it was in the days of Diana. All the characters - the noble and the not-so-noble - are brought together in a superb tale which neatly unites those two crucial elements of a cracking story: conflict and glamour. It moved me; I loved it. Richly entertaining, nicely-delivered anecdotes form the flesh on a spine of poignancy and ultimate tragedy. It's strange as I noticed a couple of poor reviews for this book, so maybe it's not for everyone. Though why moan about the gossip? The British royal family has always been the subject of gossip and long may that continue. Wasn't it the gossips who told us about Diana's troubles while the Palace continued to issue swift and sniffy denials? Sure, this is a book for the gossip lover, but just as it is a book for anyone who savours the wicked intricacies of romance and relationships. This isn't the first book I've read by Chris Hutchins, and I like his style. Poor Diana. I think she would have enjoyed it.

The preview of this book makes it appear to be very interesting, which is why I made the purchase. The story is a rambling jumble of events that skips from one person to the next across various time periods. What I found to be the most disturbing was the end of the book. There is no conclusion or any type of an ending. It is as though the author put down the pen (or left the computer) and walked out of the room mid-thought. This is not worth the time to read as a free book let alone the asking price of \$8.49.

While not the best book I have ever read on the subject; it does have one thing going for it; it does not go for the tabloid sleaze that so many books on famous women aim for. We are aware of both Diana and Charles' affairs, and yes, though wrong, they both no doubt had their reasons. However, to focus so much on Camilla and James Hewitt and to eliminate many of the other aspects of Diana's life left me wanting more details into her relationship with the family. Isn't that what the book is called? Something is also confusing - is this paperback edition was edited in 2011, why did it not include Diana's tragic untimely death and the family's reaction to that? For a book that I would deem to be only slightly better than others written about the late Princess of Wales, I would say you could live without it. Although it does provide an excellent history on British royalty, what does this have to do with her relationship to the family? In other words, title sort of doesn't go with contents of the book, in my opinion. And what's with that ending? Wherein Prince William looks at his mother's picture on the door at Ludgrove School and replies, "jolly nice". Well, we would hope all our kids find us "jolly nice". What does that have to do with "Diana's Nightmare: The Family".?

I applaud the authors for writing such a compelling read about one of the icons of our age. It's the real story and every page shouts that. I particularly liked (and identified with!) the problems of her upbringing. It's rare to get such insights into what really happened. How brave the authors were to put many of the questions they did to the Princess's nearest and dearest - it certainly paid off.

The book does not contain any "extra" information that has not been stated earlier. The pictures are black and white and I had seen most of the pictures before. I would not recommend book as I feel it is a waste of money.

I have read almost every book written about Diana and this remains one of my favourites. 'Diana's Nightmare-The Family' is packed with fascinating information, secrets and revelations. Written in her lifetime, it transports the reader right back to those days of royal intrigue and passion and illuminates the world Diana entered as a twenty year old bride. If you want to find out what the Windsors were really like , this is the one for you.

I honestly had high expectations for this book. Instead, I had read such a disorganized, fact-overstuffed, practically unreadable book. The Daily Mail had better stories about the Royal Family than this! Good thing I discovered how to process an Kindle Refund! Boo!

Painfully boring. Like an over written, wind-bag of a Vanity Fair article, the author seems impressed by his own words. Feeling the need to give the background resume of every minor character he introduces, the author takes FOREVER to get to the point. Lacking any momentum or drama, the author is able to take all of the color out of his very colorful subject. There is a condescending tone the author seems to have for the genre he is writing within...which is ironic, since he fails tremendously with this attempt.

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