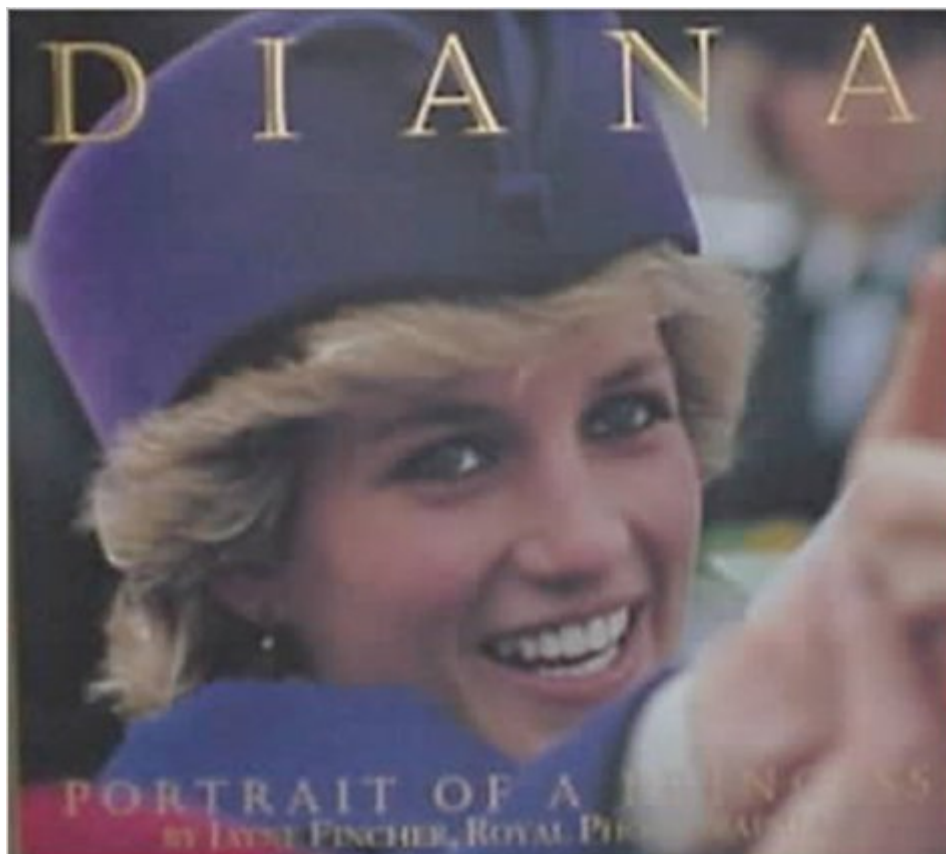


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Diana: Portrait Of A Princess



Synopsis

Diana. From her first exposure to the world as the fiancée of the future King of England to her death as perhaps the most revered figure of the century, she captured the imagination and the love of literally hundreds of millions of people. And, from her first portrait of Lady Diana Spencer in 1980 to her last shoot months before Diana's tragic death and finally to Diana's funeral, Jayne Fincher -- the only female royal photographer working with the explicit approval and full cooperation of Buckingham Palace -- was there. Granted unprecedented access to the Princess of Wales and the extended royal family for 18 years, Fincher amassed an enormous archive of more than 30,000 striking images of Diana. She captured on film Diana's transformation from a shy, awkward teenager to an elegant and sophisticated woman. "Diana: Portrait of a Princess" collects in one spectacular volume for the first time ever the best of these extraordinary photographs. Here are some of the most famous images of Diana ever published...and here also are hundreds of never-before-seen candid, outtakes, and portraits, the definitive photographic document of Diana's life -- as fiancée, wife, and then ex-wife of the Prince of Wales; as mother to princes William and Harry; as philanthropist, as ambassador, as fashion muse. But more than a simple collection of images, "Diana: Portrait of a Princess" is a personal and deeply felt memoir with behind-the-scenes insight into the moods and complex personality of Diana. This narrative, a collaborative effort with royal writer Judy Wade, incorporates detailed impressions and experiences gathered in photographing the Princess. Featuring more than 500 pictures -- three-quarters of them never before seen -- and including dozens of revealing anecdotes, "Diana: Portrait of a Princess" is all exquisite tribute to a woman who carried the hearts of the world in the palm of her hand.

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Alone among award-winning photographers, Jayne Fincher snapped some of the most private moments ever seen of the late Princess Diana. What's her secret? Perhaps it's because, as an official royal photographer, she did not provoke the fear and panic that outside photographers tragically did, and her status as the only woman in the pool of royal photographers somehow put the royal family and the Princess of Wales off their guard in her presence. *Diana: Portrait of a Princess* contains never-before-seen photos from the early 1980s until Diana's death in August of 1997.

Fincher captures the shy, awkward Lady Spencer, the picture of innocence and bewilderment thrust onto the global stage. Later in this chronologically ordered collection we see this young woman evolve into the glamorous and sophisticated princess. Some of the most striking images reflect the raw emotion and revealing intimacy in Diana's life, such as the private moments in which you can sense her fiercely tender devotion to her sons. Many of the natural, spontaneous shots depict a deeply distressed woman, trapped in a world of conformity, while still other pictures illustrate the growing strain in her loveless marriage to Prince Charles. Royal writer Judy Wade worked with Fincher to provide the text to go with these, the best of Fincher's 30,000 candid images of Princess Di.

In one of what will undoubtedly be a host of tributes on the anniversary of her death comes a collection of several hundred color photographs of "the people's princess," taken by the only female photographer granted access to Diana by Buckingham Palace. Ranging from Diana's emergence on the scene in 1980 up to the extraordinary events surrounding her funeral, Fincher's workmanlike photographs serve to remind the viewer both how exhausting Diana's public schedule was and how uniquely photogenic she was. Ranging from diplomatic receptions to balls to sporting events, the chronologically arranged photos also chart Diana's emergence as a confident public figure, as well as the deterioration of her marriage (there are some memorable shots of an acutely embarrassed couple at public events, clearly anxious to be away from each other). The most memorable shots are of Diana and her sons; her love for them is almost palpable. Judy Wade, a journalist, sets down Fincher's carefully diplomatic recollections of Diana and Charles. Those who were fans of the princess and pictorial icon will find this a vivid review. Others may be moved to a contemplation of the peculiar modern fixation with celebrity. (500 color photographs) -- Copyright ©1998, Kirkus Associates, LP. All rights reserved.

A lot of information in this book with many many pictures. It is a very large study book and will go great with my collection

This book is one of my favorite picture books of Diana. The pictures are just gorgeous, like the lady herself. For anyone who is a Diana fan, this book is for you...It really is beautiful.

Diana: Portrait of a Princess is a stunningly beautiful book full of many never-before seen photos of the Princess. It is all color and printed on very thick, high-quality paper. I have purchased some of Jayne Fincher's previous Diana books and she always publishes wonderful photos of Diana. This book goes from Diana's engagement to her tragic death and is a very special addition to my enormous Diana collection.

A wonderful vintage book that gives a lot of details on Diana and tells her story in pictures very well. I love it.

Great pictures of princess Diana, many of which have not been seen before. Nothing remarkable about the text but makes a good coffee table book.

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