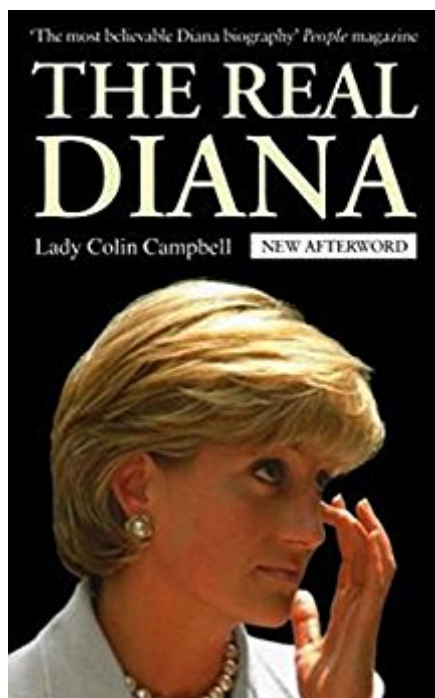


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The Real Diana



Synopsis

Royal insider Lady Colin Campbell was the first to predict the Waleses' separation and divorce, in her international bestseller, *Diana in Private*. People magazine said of it: 'Some Palace watchers note that she has an impressive roster of well-placed contacts and credit her with writing the most believable Diana biography'; while Lynn Barber, in the Daily Telegraph, called it 'Jaw-droppingly sensational'. The Real Diana contains startling new revelations about Diana which Lady Colin Campbell has unearthed since Diana's tragic death, including new theories on her death itself. The Real Diana is based on 35 interviews with Princess Diana conducted by Lady Colin Campbell – and for the first time Lady Colin Campbell names her Royal sources. Newly updated in 2013 with an Afterword that reveals Lady Colin's insights into the inquest into Diana's death, the years that have followed, and the birth of Prince George. Price £: 7.99 eBook Published: 25 Sep 2013 ISBN: 9781909807495 Available from: ABOUT THE AUTHOR Lady Colin Campbell LADY COLIN CAMPBELL Lady Colin Campbell is a highly successful and prolific author and has been a prominent and often controversial figure in royal and social circles for many years. She perhaps is best known for her international bestselling book *Diana in Private*, 1992, and her subsequent extended and revelatory biography of the Princess of Wales, *The Real Diana* published in 2004. She has written books on the Royal Family, been a long term columnist and appeared numerous times on TV and Radio as an experienced Royal Insider and expert on the British aristocracy. In 1997 she published her autobiography, *A Life Worth Living*, which was serialised in *The Daily Mail*. Born in Jamaica, she spent much of her early adult life in America where she became a model and studied apparel design. She is connected to British royalty through common ancestors such as the Emperor Charlemagne and William the Conqueror as well as, through her marriage, to the uncle of the Duke of Argyll, who is a cousin of the Queen. She has two sons and lives in London.

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Customer Reviews

My goodness. From this version of Diana's life it seems that even before her marriage until her untimely death she was a borderline psychopathic sex addict who enjoyed hopping in and out of lover's beds - everyone from her bodyguard to Spanish royalty for sorely solicited love. The number of supposed lovers she was purported to have had is headspinning. Surely Diana did have affairs but the number and frequency alluded to in this biography is indicative of a totally out of control addict with no sense of decorum or duty. Given Diana's obvious lack of privacy with countless subordinates surrounding her every move it seems rather exaggerated for her to have had such a busy sex life while married to the future king of England - but who knows? Affairs with royalty in Spain, casual or close friends new and old, bankers, security officers, athletes, millionaires ad nauseum - the possibilities described seem excessive but intriguing nonetheless. Of course no one has any way of knowing the absolute truth - nor does the author, one should think, having obtained information from previous statements of former employees or friends and witnesses who exchanged secondhand gossip with admitted changing opinions or simple, self serving heresay (and whom seem to be on the side benefitting Diana's former husband). I doubt anyone shall ever know the truth or what was going on inside Diana's head, but if the allegations set forth in this biography are factual, then good for Diana that she never gave up striving for happiness. Skip this book unless you enjoy reading a heady mixture of gossip, unsubstantiated and substantiated tales, jaded opinions and admittedly shifting memories written in entertaining but obvious anti-Diana prose.

Lady Colin Campbell, former brief daughter-in-law of the Duchess of Argyll, and distant relative of the Royals, has always had friends in high places. She is an excellent writer, but has taken flack for her various hatchet jobs about the Princess of Wales. Her book about the Queen Mother raised

eyebrows, but her two tomes on the late Diana were beyond sensational. It is doubtful that she ever became a friend of the Princess as she claimed, and even more doubtful that the late icon had affairs before she was courted by the Prince of Wales. Yet, as dubious as Lady C's revelations are, one has to admire her desire to puncture the unimpeachable myth of Diana, who almost certainly married Charles more for fame rather than true love or respect, and whose many affairs were condoned or glossed over by the adoring masses and nearly all other royal biographers. Campbell has also shown compassion and understanding towards the unenviable predicament of the embattled Prince Charles, something only Penny Junor and Sally Bedell Smith have been brave enough to highlight in their own books of the Prince and Princess. She has likewise chosen not to denigrate the Royal Family as the media has often done by revealing that the Spencers are not grander than the House of Windsor, another myth that Diana promoted which obliging reporters and other biographers relished reinforcing.

Very informative, confirmed everything I always thought.

I don't believe a word lady Colin says about her subject; nor do I believe she was Diana's "friend." This account makes Diana sound like a nymphomaniac, a psychotic (in fact, calls her one) and a media slut. Undoubtedly, there were faults on both sides causing the break up of the royal marriage, but no one can make me believe they were all Diana's, or that prince Charles is a saint and a martyr. Also, the prose is forced, and makes this a heavy and annoying read. Read this if you want to be both irritated and bored.

Much more interesting that I even expected it to be. It sounded very objective, well-researched and truthful, and comes from someone close enough to the Royal Family to know. It's about time the public came to realize how emotionally unstable this lady really was, even from childhood. Yet it does give her credit for her good works and shows her eventual attempts to recover and grow as a person during the latter few years of her life. However, her husband was quite long-suffering and put up with her longer, and went further to please her (including giving up one of his beloved dogs) than many husbands would have. He has long been held too responsible for events that actually stemmed from her notoriously loose relationship with the truth, which even her own family knew before the marriage, but who put their personal ambitions first.

I'm a lover of history and ardent Princess Diana fan. She is my favorite person from history. That

being said, I used to read/watch only things that are from her point-of-view or speak of her favorably. I got this book to get a balanced perspective on her life and legacy. It's a perspective of Diana's life - and her role in her bitter divorce to Prince Charles - told in a way that is both critical and complimentary to Diana, albeit in a gossipy tabloid like fashion.

For someone who claims to have intimate knowledge of poor Princess Diana, the author left out a lot, and most of the book is just re-hashed gossip. don't waste your time, nothing new. she's still dead, poor thing and people are still making money off of her. All alone in the dark in a lake for ever, just what she hated. but of course that was left out by the author, though she was spot-on about what a jerk Charles Spencer is.

This author is obviously pro- Charles. She is out to put down the late Princess as much as she can. The author is the true nutcase here, not Diana. Don't waste your time and money on this one.

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