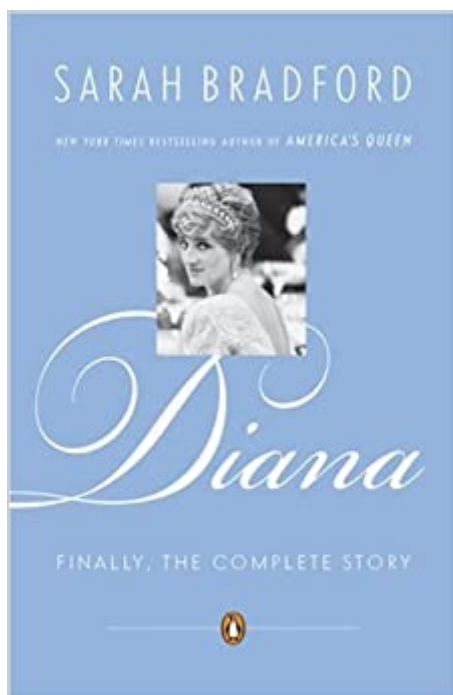


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Diana: Finally, The Complete Story



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Soon to be the subject of a major motion picture starring Naomi Watts as the Princess of Wales An icon remembered in death as vividly as she appeared in life, Diana, Princess of Wales, is one of the most enduring personalities of the twentieth century-and one of the most enigmatic. With exclusive access to all those closest to Diana, Sarah Bradford now casts aside the gossip and lies and takes us to the very heart of the royal family to separate the myth from the truth of the Diana years. With the authority missing from previous accounts, as well as remarkable new sources, Diana delivers a complex and explosive look at a woman who continues to fascinate.

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This biography of the doomed Princess of Wales by Bradford, an experienced British celebrity biographer, was published with far less fanfare, though also embargoed, than the concurrent one by Diana's former butler, Paul Burrell, it still purports to be the definitive look at what it was really like for Diana Spencer to become the princess of Wales. But even the most casual student of Diana mania will be hard pressed to find much that hasn't been told before. Bradford, the author of books about such disparate figures as Benjamin Disraeli and Princess Grace of Monaco, does offer up a more balanced portrait than some: Diana was not the brightest bulb, but her compassion for others was central and real; in spite of or because of this sensitivity, she was a master at playing people off each other (most notably her onetime lover James Hewitt). According to Bradford, Diana truly did love Charles and was "obsessed" with him until the end. More surprisingly, Bradford also

insists that Charles genuinely loved Diana, even as he carried a torch for Camilla Parker Bowles, and that his apparent ill treatment of his wife came from ignorance more than hostility. The usual cast of famous characters appear, but two portraits particularly stand out: Sarah Ferguson and Dodi Fayed. As for Fayed, Bradford downplays it; Diana liked him, she says, but was far less interested in him, personally, than in what he could provide (private yachts, freedom from the press and "ironically, as it turned out" safety). Surely, Fayed's friends and family will not enjoy Bradford's take on him as a spoiled layabout with a cocaine problem, drug use being one of the few weaknesses of which Diana disapproved. For those for whom there can never be enough said about the late princess, Bradford's book may provide some color and perspective; those looking for dish will likely be disappointed. (Sept.) Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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Great book, delivered on time and in excellent condition! One of the best Diana books.

Enjoyable read

Really good book. Long but details Diana's life carefully and thoroughly. I would buy this again, and to royal watchers it will intrigue.

Nothing new here. Pretty much the same stuff with a different twist. I'm not really sure why I kept reading it...maybe hoping for something different?

Lots of great pictures. A nice review of a person's life who is still sorely missed by her fans.

If you're like me and just want to know Princess Diana's whole story, this is the book you need to read. It tells her life story in such an interesting way that I just couldn't stop reading it until the very end. Sarah Bradford's work is remarkable. I highly recommend it.

Just ok Could have been more sympathetic to Diana's suffering. Didn't really like the royal family, felt bad for her boys

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