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### Silk Flowers Never Die

*Love, Death, Mental Illness and Courage in an International renowned family.*

**Stella Mazzucchelli**

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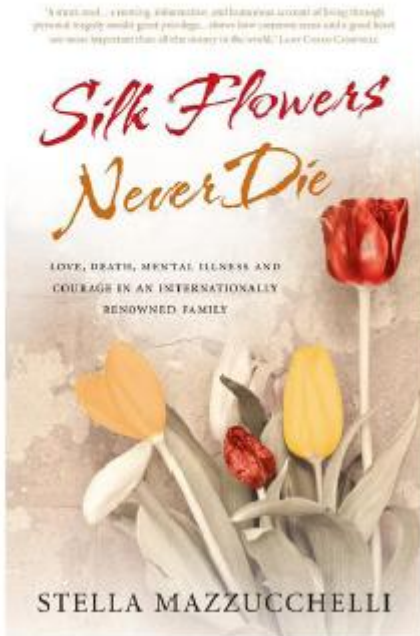
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*Silk Flowers Never Die* is an important and intensely personal memoir, powerfully showing with humanity and humour, the difficulties that exist for any family trying to cope with schizophrenia and mental distress. In a compelling story that reveals how much stranger than fiction fact is, Stella Mazzucchelli describes her determination to preserve her son from the worst effects of mental illness, while his young wife is dying of cancer.

In the process of trying to rise to these challenges, Stella is transformed from a beautiful, over-protected Society woman with alcohol issues, to an impressive, courageous earth-mother who now campaigns to reduce the stigma attached to mental illness by using her privileged position to positive effect. This moving book is informative on a host of subjects, ranging from the lifestyle of the International Super-Rich to the profundities of facing terminal illness and mental disease. Due to its intelligence, insight, and compassion the appeal of this amazing story and struggle should be universal.

**'A must-read...a moving, informative, and humorous account of living through personal tragedy amidst great privilege... shows how common sense and a good heart are more important than all the money in the world.'** Lady Colin Campbell.

- Strong interest in Mail on Sunday serialisation
- Interview with author in October issue of the Tatler and ES Magazine
- Wide TV and radio coverage, including This Morning and Radio Five Live

STELLA METAXA MAZZUCHELLI was born in Athens, Greece. Married as a teenager to the glamorous international businessman Riccardo Mazzucchelli, she is the mother of his only child Fedele. During their twenty two year marriage, they lived between Zambia and London, where she became a well-known figure on the social scene and had a brief and successful career as a model. Now divorced, she lives in Athens with their only grandchild, Katerina, and has become a campaigner for the better understanding of schizophrenia. *Silk Flowers Never Die* is her first book.

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