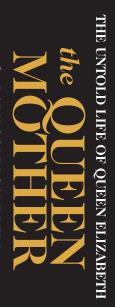


Lady Colin Campbell lives in London with her two sons. Through marriage and common ancestors, she is connected to all the Royal Families of Europe and has been a fixture in Society and gossip columns on both sides of the Atlantic for the last four decades. She is the author of the London Times and New York Times bestseller Diana in Private (1992), which lifted the lid on the state of the Wales marriage as well as revealing a host of firsts, including that Diana had an eating disorder; that she and Prince Charles led separate lives; that she had asked for a divorce; and that both she and her husband had lovers. Her acclaimed posthumous biography The Real Diana (1998/2004) was called the 'most believable Diana biography' by People magazine, and Royal Book News noted that 'Lady Colin Campbell's books are now must haves.' Her 2005 novel Empress Bianca became an international cause célèbre, and was described by Alexander Waugh of the Literary Review as 'brilliant'. She is also the author of Guide to Being a Modern Lady (1986); The Royal Marriages (1993); A Life Worth Living (1997); Daughter of Narcissus (2009) and she ghosted With Love From Pet Heaven by Tum Tum the Springer Spaniel (2010).

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## the QUEEN MOTHER

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For the last ninety years, the public has been fed a one-dimensional fantasy about the life and origins of Elizabeth Bowes Lyon, the Scottish earl's daughter who became the Duchess of York, Queen Elizabeth, and ultimately Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother. Finally, her untold life is revealed. It is far more complex and fascinating than the fable that was purveyed for so long.

Although Elizabeth was born into great privilege, the circumstances of her birth were infinitely more extraordinary than have hitherto been acknowledged. They set the tone for the remainder of her life, which was nowhere near as simple or simplistic as reputed.

In this, the first comprehensive account of the human being she really was, Elizabeth emerges with credit as the multi-faceted individual whose sacrifices were concealed behind a wellburnished but misleadingly charming façade. Intriguing, strong-willed and resourceful, she justly deserved Hitler's description as a 'dangerous' adversary. Hers was a truly extraordinary personality, and Lady Colin Campbell has referenced the people who knew Elizabeth well to paint a full and telling portrait of the woman as she really was. In the process, she shows why Elizabeth remained the most enduring media superstar of the 20th century, and reveals how very little was ultimately left to chance.

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