

The Behind-the-Scenes Story of the Marriage of HM Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip



The Queen's Marriage: The behind-the-scenes story of the marriage of HM Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh by Lady Colin Campbell

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On November 20, 1947, Princess Elizabeth married Lieutenant Philip Mountbatten at Westminster Abbey. The wedding was a grand affair, with over 2,000 guests in attendance. It was also the first royal wedding to be televised, and an estimated 200 million people around the world watched the ceremony.

But what was the story behind the scenes? How did Elizabeth and Philip meet? How did they fall in love? And what were the challenges they faced in their marriage?

In her book, "The Behind-the-Scenes Story of the Marriage of HM Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip," author Sally Bedell Smith provides a

fascinating look at the royal couple's relationship. Smith draws on interviews with friends, family, and staff to paint a vivid portrait of Elizabeth and Philip's courtship, marriage, and life together.

Smith reveals that Elizabeth and Philip first met in 1939, when they were both teenagers. They were both attending the Royal Naval College in Dartmouth, and they quickly became friends. Over the next few years, they spent more and more time together, and they eventually fell in love.

However, their relationship was not without its challenges. Elizabeth's parents, King George VI and Queen Elizabeth, were initially hesitant to approve of Philip. He was a foreign prince, and he had a reputation for being a bit of a wild child. But Elizabeth was determined to marry Philip, and she eventually won her parents' approval.

The couple married in 1947, and they have been together ever since. They have four children: Prince Charles, Princess Anne, Prince Andrew, and Prince Edward. They have also been through many ups and downs over the years, but they have always remained committed to each other.

Smith's book provides a fascinating look at the marriage of Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip. It is a story of love, commitment, and resilience. It is also a story of two people who have made a significant contribution to the world.

Key Moments in the Marriage of Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip

- 1939: Elizabeth and Philip meet at the Royal Naval College in Dartmouth.
- 1947: Elizabeth and Philip marry at Westminster Abbey.

- 1952: Elizabeth becomes Queen.
- 1953: Philip is crowned Prince Consort.
- 1977: Elizabeth and Philip celebrate their Silver Wedding Anniversary.
- 2002: Elizabeth and Philip celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary.
- 2012: Elizabeth and Philip celebrate their Diamond Wedding Anniversary.
- 2017: Philip retires from public life.
- 2021: Philip dies at the age of 99.

Challenges in the Marriage of Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip

- Philip's foreign background and reputation.
- The pressures of royal life.
- The long periods of time that Philip spent away from home on royal duties.
- The rumors of infidelity.

The Marriage of Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip: A Legacy of Love

Despite the challenges they faced, Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip remained committed to each other for over 70 years. Their marriage was a testament to the power of love, commitment, and resilience. They were an inspiration to millions of people around the world, and they will be remembered as one of the greatest love stories of all time.



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