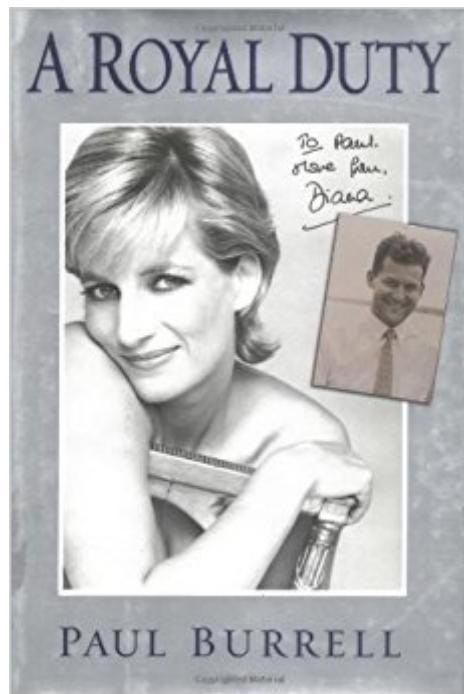


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Synopsis

Now comes the long awaited book, *A ROYAL DUTY* by Paul Burrell, the man in whom she confided on matters big and small. Paul, one of the Queen's personal footmen, met Diana during one of her first visits to Balmoral Castle. And while it may have been fate that brought them together, they shared a strong bond that endured to the end of her life. Burrell became Diana's confidant and his unique perspective casts new light on the Princess of Wales and the events that would shape her life and the lives of those around her. At the time of her death there was much speculation about Diana's future plans including her thoughts about remarrying and the possibility of relocating to America. Paul, who was one of the last people to speak with her, hopes to set the record straight for the Princess he so admired and cherished. Drawing on private conversations, personal recollections, diaries and letters, Paul has written an extraordinary account of a unique time in the history of the Royal Family. When asked why he wrote the book, this is what Paul had to say. "I have made this book as true to her spirit as possible-as inspiring, as loving, as fun. Over the last six years I've had time to reflect on the extraordinary events that I have witnessed. During that time, I have watched and listened patiently as many individuals have claimed to know the truth about the Princess of Wales. I have watched and listened knowing that what was claimed to be the truth is actually far from it. I decided reluctantly to tell what I know to be the truth because I firmly believe that someone has to stand in the Princess' corner and fight for her now that she cannot do so. I welcome the official inquest into her death and it is my hope that it will uncover what really happened that night in Paris. I never thought that I would need to write this book but then I never thought that I would need to redress the balance. I never thought that I would need to defend the Princess against untruths from many different quarters. I was devoted to the Royal Family for many years-first to the Queen, then to the Prince of Wales and finally to the Princess and I remain a loyal subject. But I believe that it is important that the truth is known NOW rather than waiting for the details to emerge in official papers when they are released in 25 years."

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Customer Reviews

'Paul Burrell has a terrific story to tell' The Guardian 'A classy production' The Sunday Times --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Paul Burrell served the Royal family for twenty-one years -- as personal footman to the Queen, butler to the Prince and Princess of Wales, and after their separation, butler to Diana. After her tragic death, as fundraising manager of the Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fund, he spearheaded the drive which raised GBP100million in her memory. He is married to Maria, and they live in Cheshire with their two sons. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Easy reading. A look into the lives of the Royal family in England, with a particular slant on the relationship of the Princess with her butler. He tried to protect her, but really couldn't. They formed an alliance in which he tried to help her. He showed what a devoted mother she was but she was in an impossible situation. Perhaps this book should not have been written.

I thought this book was very well written. Did not get the feeling that the author was glossing over the facts. Was certainly a look through the window of being so famous, of being a new member of the Royal Family and most surprising, the higharchy of the Royal staff. The workings of the staff was most enlightening. I would definitely recommend this book to anyone with even a remotely interest in British Royalty and foremost, any interest in history.

Anyone interested in a book about the royal family but does not like "royal gossip" will like this book tremendously. This book is not for "royal watchers.". Paul Burrell worked for Queen Elizabeth before Diana and Charles divorced and has a first hand knowledge of what happens behind Royal doors,

but remains respectful and yet very honest. He knows his subject, and one can not put the book down.

Excellent and fascinating book by Paul Burrell. Very well written and easy to follow at all times. It is also easy to see that he truly cared for her and wrote each and every word from the heart, without sounding like a tell all or gossip. Everyone should read this book... It truly "sucked" me in.

Very interesting. Paul's relationship with Diana made this an interesting read. It has a lot of great photos too!

A book I looked forward to reading every night. I was sorry when I finished the last page that I would not have such a good book to read. I have read several books on Royals and this is my favorite. If you like Diana this is a good book.

Paul Burrell has been put down in so many places over this book, but having read all the books on Diana, I believe all that he said- after all, he was there, and he loved her. Wouldn't like to have been his wife though- there were 3 in that marriage too.

Well written, insightful, enjoyable. This book was not what I expected it to be, and kudos to Mr Burrell for having the courage to maintain his convictions, despite the backlash.

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