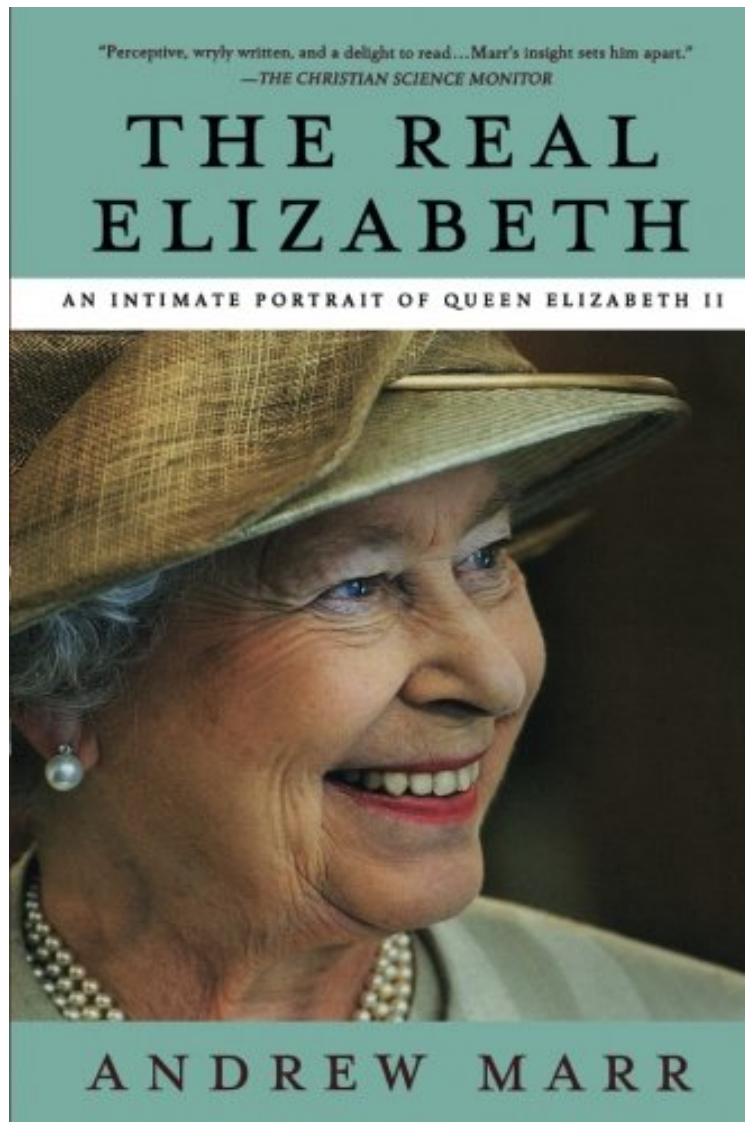


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**Andrew Marr : The Real Elizabeth: An Intimate Portrait of Queen Elizabeth II** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Real Elizabeth: An Intimate Portrait of Queen Elizabeth II:

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look more like a nut case the family had to deal with. I suppose it depends on how you interpret everything ever documented and printed on Diana and what you choose to believe. Interesting insight into Queen Elizabeth's life as a child and a queen. At home/in private she's laid back and more like the average guy, but she has decades of experience in the political sphere that she can share with her Prime Ministers and she dodges uncomfortable situations with a practiced and long learned skill. I wouldn't want her job- no thanks. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Not That Intimate, But A Good Study By John D. Cofield Queen Elizabeth II must be one of the best known and least known personalities in the modern world. She's been in the public view almost constantly since becoming Queen 60 years ago, but at the same time much of her private life and private views remain largely unknown. Andrew Marr's study of the Queen cannot be called a full fledged biography, since it focusses primarily on her time as Queen, providing short character studies and vignettes of important events rather than a full chronicle. It's not really an "intimate portrait", but it does give us a pretty good idea of the Queen's reactions to and participation in some of the most important events of her reign. I enjoyed this well written and engaging work, which is current enough to include a description of the wedding of the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge in April 2011. I found the discussions of the personalities of the different Prime Ministers with whom the Queen has worked interesting, and I was equally engaged with the material covering her dealings with people like Ian Smith and Idi Amin. I'm an American Anglophile of long standing, and I found my admiration for this quiet, dutiful, and hardworking lady enhanced by Marr's work. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By CineGood read

A surprising and very personal biography of a woman who may be the world's last great queen, published to coincide with the sixtieth anniversary of her reign Elizabeth II, one of England's longest-reigning monarchs, is an enigma. In public, she confines herself to optimistic pieties and guarded smiles; in private, she is wry, funny, and an excellent mimic. Now, for the first time, one of Britain's leading journalists and historians gets behind the mask and tells us the fascinating story of the real Elizabeth. Born shortly before the Depression, Elizabeth grew up during World War II and became queen because of the shocking abdication of her uncle and the early death of her father. Only twenty-five when she ascended to the throne, she has been at the apex of the British state for nearly six decades. She has entertained and known numerous world leaders, including every U.S. president since Harry Truman. Brought up to regard family values as sacred, she has seen all but one of her children divorce; her heir, Prince Charles, conduct an adulterous affair before Princess Diana's death; and a steady stream of family secrets poured into the open. Yet she has never failed to carry out her duties, and she has never said a word about any of the troubles she has endured. Andrew Marr, who enjoys extraordinary access to senior figures at Buckingham Palace, has written a revealing and essential book about a woman who has managed to remain private to the point of mystery throughout her reign.

"An enjoyable book about the British monarchy as embodied by Queen Elizabeth II Recommended for fans of today's British monarchy, who will come away further admiring the queen's mind for detail, her openness for enabling the royal household to evolve, her nuanced relationship with 13 successive prime ministers, and her strong marriage." Library Journal "A comprehensive and lively history and analysis of the British monarchy as a political and social institution from the World War I to the present, more than half of which time has been taken up by Elizabeth's reign." Kirkus "British Royalty retains remarkable pulling power, but how much of this is due to the institution itself, and how much to the individuals involved? The answer is probably a mixture of both, but Andrew Marr's absorbing new book leaves no doubt about the pivotal role played by the Queen herself. He is particularly acute on the political aspects of constitutional monarchy, but he also writes perceptively about the individual members of the Royal Family." The Mail on Sunday "[The Real Elizabeth contains] a lot of information which will be new to any but the most dedicated student of the monarchy [Marr writes] well and thoughtfully." Spectator "An overwhelmingly positive endorsement of the Queen's remarkable record [The Real Elizabeth] offers plenty of reasons for repeating the old cry of God save the Queen." Daily Express