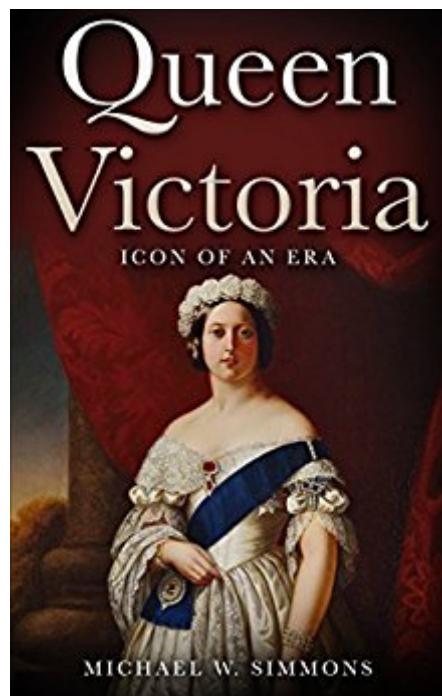


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Synopsis

When we think of Queen Victoria, whose reign eclipsed that of every British king and queen before her, we imagine the Widow of Windsor, reclusive in her palace, draped in permanent mourning for her beloved husband, Albert, the Prince Consort, who died in 1861. But this book takes the reader on a journey that starts before her marriage, before she came to be seen as the static icon of the age that bears her name. From her isolated childhood at Kensington Palace, where her daily life was controlled by a man who plotted to one day seize power through her, Victoria emerged shortly after her 18th birthday as a fully-fledged Queen, a young woman who gloried in her newfound power and freedom. Over the next twenty years, she fell in loveâ "twice, if the rumors are to be believedâ "bore nine children, and kept a daily diary which recorded her private, inward struggles: how to reconcile her role as monarch with her duties as a wife and mother, how to protect her country and her throne in an age of revolution. Ultimately, readers of this book will discover how Queen Victoria redefined the monarchy for her own ageâ "and afterwards.

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Different perspective from the traditional view of QV. Mostly about the early years of her reign. Very interesting. Moves along.

Bought it for my wife and she watches it multiple times a day. She has many movies HBO, Showtme, Encore, and many other channels but watches Victoria!

Very interesting narrative of Victoria's life, before and after taking the throne. Her destiny and her life prove that strong women rule!!

The length of Victoria's reign contributed to complexities, many of which were beyond her control. At its beginning she was a woman of power in a society which didn't condone such. The fact that she forged a way showed her strength. The second half of her life was sad. One wonders what it could have been if Albert had grown old with her.

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