

Chapter 1 : Synopsis - Leslie Carroll

Her nonfiction titles include Royal Romances, Royal Pains, Royal Affairs, Notorious Royal Marriages, and Inglorious Royal Marriages. She is also a classically trained professional actress with numerous portrayals of virgins, vixens, and villainesses to her credit, and is an award-winning audio book narrator.

An examination of notorious royal marriages from Henry and Eleanor to Henry and his six wives to Charles and Diana. My mom read it and passed it on to me. I was surprised at how many of the couples were love matches! The big thing is that most of the ladies are repurposed from traditional portrayals into thinking, acting f Summary: The big thing is that most of the ladies are repurposed from traditional portrayals into thinking, acting feminists in large part. Now I very much want to read more both non-fiction and historical fiction about her. Edward IV and Elizabeth Woodville: Arthur and Katherine of Aragon: Henry VIII and his wives: Apparently four of them had auburn hair so I guess he had a type and he seems to have been as much in love with five of them as he had the capacity to be Anne of Cleves alas was not pretty enough to tempt him Henri II and Catherine de Medici: Not a love match on his side but she loved him and her role in ruling France was very impressive. She was the daughter of no one important who was then queen and mother of three kings! Mary, Queen of Scots and her three husbands: Wow, was she in a crappy position. Apparently her spendthrift ways began before she gave birth and set her reputation for the rest of her life. They also ended up having quite a kind and intimate relationship especially once they were deposed. Napoleon and Marie Louise: She was kind of weird. Read it Victoria and Albert: Obviously this was a love match but one fraught with conflict as Victoria sought to be a traditional wife who submits to her husband WHY?! Franz Joseph and Elisabeth: I read the story of her youth in those Royal Diaries series Check those out for the year old girl in your life. Tsar Nicholas II and Alexandra: Their story is also tragic, I mean beyond their end. I did not know that they were fascists! What if Edward and Hitler had made some kind of an alliance?! Not sure who that is supposed to be but it fits the style and tone.

Chapter 2 : Notorious Royal Marriages by Leslie Carroll

Notorious Royal Marriages: A Juicy Journey Through Nine Centuries of Dynasty, Destiny, and Desire, as its mouthful of a subtitle articulates, offers a trip through almost a millennium's worth of scandalous true stories populated by royal husbands and wives. And, boy, what an exciting trip it is.

There are more than 50 books and 20 articles cited as sources for Notorious Royal Marriages. The research involved is mind boggling, though you have written and published two non-fiction books. What is your typical schedule when researching and writing? Do you research as you go? And these are wonderful questions! That said, I invariably need additional biographies or other research materials on those subjects. Many of the books I need are out of print, and I also look for used copies in order to save money. When you need to read 60 biographies, the cost really adds up ifn you have to purchase several of them! Because I have fairly tight deadlines I need to set myself a schedule for each chapter. Why do you tend to be kinder to these ladies than other historians? I may begin with a preconceived notion of some of these too-often vilified queens, but the more I read about their lives the more open my mind becomes about them. It may have something to do with my background as an actress. What do others around her say about her. Are they trustworthy sources or do they intend to paint a negative portrait that would support their own agenda? In the largely illiterate society of the Middle Ages and into the Renaissance, the monks were the ones who could read and in fact, only a small segment of them could actually do that and who wrote the chronicles of their day. They tended to be misogynistic, mistrustful of women in generalâ€”and especially of women in positions of power and influence. Then you have to know a bit about the source itself in the context of the era and in relation to the person under discussion. For example, Sir Thomas More was a Tudor-era minister, so naturally he might disparage the previous dynasty, the Yorks. And, to get back to one of the queens in question, we know he was no fan of Anne Boleyn. So rather than take a contemporary account of the life or actions of these women and their husbands as gospel truth, I try very hard to consider the source. Additionally, as I delve into my research on these royal women I am inclined to be sympathetic to themâ€”innocent until proven guilty. But I look for, and try to understand, the motive behind them. Of the 32 royal couples listed who is your favorite and why? I spent so much time with these couples that each of them found a place in my heart. But if I have to choose one, I would say that Marie Antoinette and the dauphinâ€”the future Louis XVIâ€”became my favorite because what I came away with after researching their relationship extensively is that they were so misunderstoodâ€”as royals, and as human beings. You cover many eras and lands in Notorious Royal Marriages. Is there a certain place or time period that you love to write about, more so than others? I was very much drawn to Helen becauseâ€”like many of the queens and royal mistresses I write aboutâ€”she has been much maligned over the centuries. Not only that, our mothers share the same name: In fact, I dedicated my novel to my mother. Are you working on another non-fiction or a novel? What can we expect next? I am currently at work on a third nonfiction book for NAL. And I recently received a contract from Random House to write a historical fiction trilogy on the life of Marie Antoinette. One final note to our readers: Even or especially in this economyâ€”please donate whatever you can afford to support your local public library system! What would we do without them? Since time immemorial, royal marriages have had little to do with love- and almost everything to do with diplomacy and dynasty.

Chapter 3 : Royal Affairs and Notorious Royal Marriages: Afternoon Tea and Royal Gossip at The Dorset Inn

Praise for Notorious Royal Marriages "For those who tackled Hilary Mantel's Wolf Hall, and can't get enough of the scandal surrounding Henry VIII's wives, [Notorious Royal Marriages] is the perfect companion book."

Katherine Swynford Edward IV and Elizabeth Woodville Edward first sighted his future queen as she waited by the roadside in to petition him over a pension from her deceased first husband. Was it love at first sight? Edward was not known for his fidelity. If true, it would certainly have meant that his marriage to Elizabeth was not valid. However, as time wore on with no prospect of a male heir, Henry began to look elsewhere and this was where Anne Boleyn stepped into the spotlight and launched the controversial matrimonial career of Henry VIII. Charles and Henrietta Maria were married shortly after his accession to the throne. Even towards her later years she still struggled to speak and write English. She was also never crowned as she refused an Anglican service and the King and court were not keen on the idea of a Catholic one. The loving and peaceful marriage was not to last with the looming crisis between monarchy and parliament resulting in the English Civil War, the execution of Charles I and the exile of Henrietta Maria to France. The marriage was a success and both were supportive of one another. Anne died young at the age of 34, survived by her husband and their two daughters. As time wore on with the increasing prospect that Charles II and Queen Catherine would not produce any heirs, it became apparent that the Duke of York would one day become king. This was controversial because James has converted to Roman Catholicism and there was much anti-Catholic feeling throughout the kingdom. His second marriage to year-old Catholic Mary of Modena drew further paranoia due to her faith. Mary would, over time, be devoted to her husband. It was this same rebellious and carefree streak that led the Prince to drink heavily and gamble culminating in an astonishing amount of debt throughout the years. The marriage was doomed from the start and was not a happy one; both sides disliked the other and they eventually separated after the birth of their one and only child, Princess Charlotte, a year after the wedding. Wallis soon took over this role whilst still married and they conducted their affair with some secrecy in the early stages. By October of 1936, Wallis applied for a divorce from her second husband and the scandalous affair was by then well known throughout the UK and the world. By the following May, Wallis was granted her divorce and married Edward now the Duke of Windsor a few weeks later.

Chapter 4 : The History Press | Infamous royal marriages

Notorious Royal Marriages by Leslie Carroll Thomas More's father once said that marriage was like putting "your hand into a blind bag full of snakes and."

It was the moment that millions had been waiting for with bated breath. Royal-watchers released said breath with a joyful exhalation and then began bloviating about what it all meant mine to follow ; and manufacturers from Stoke-on-Trent to Shanghai released the work orders for the commemorative tchotchkes: But there is something exciting about a royal wedding, especially this royal wedding. William and Kate give us the chance to believe in a royal happily-ever-after again. A commoner is someone who is not of royal birth. BUT in the past, the heirs to the throne have wed commoners who were born to the purple, so to speak, women of noble lineage. What makes Kate Middleton special is that her background is not remotely aristocratic. The entrepreneurial Carole Middleton later started a party planning company for children, Party Pieces, which took off, so to speak, landing the family in financial clover. The last time an heir presumptive to the British throne wed a true commoner--one absent all aristocratic blood--was in when James, Duke of York, the younger brother of Charles II and the future James II; , clandestinely wed the zaftig brunette Anne Hyde Her contemporaries noted her intelligence, though they admitted she was not very pretty; in fact, Anne was most often described as a cow. The stuttering duke was stiff and reserved, with a downer of a personality, but by all accounts, James, tall, blue-eyed, and fair, was even more of a rake than his less classically handsome brother, Charles. Apparently their affair grew passionate after the exiled court had moved to The Hague. Hyde should have congratulated himself on the fact that his daughter had inherited his canny political skills, because in August , Anne had successfully convinced the duke to sign a marriage contract. After that, they cohabited intermittently and clandestinely as man and wife. The chaplain married Anne and James in a private ceremony on September 3, Hyde assured the monarch that as soon as he got home to Worcester House, he would toss Anne out into the street as a strumpet. Charles endeavored to smooth things over, but poor Anne ended up locked in her room. But Anne, a mere commoner, had unintentionally created an international incident. Anne was traduced by men who had never even met her, all claiming to have bedded her. As Anne lay abed, the birth of her baby imminent, the king sent his most trusted ladies to attend her. Anne, shrieking with labor pains, was forced to endure another torment. Have you known any man other than the Duke of York? The following year Charles made Hyde Earl of Clarendon. Anne was clearly the dominant partner in the marriage, yet she could not prevent James from returning to his rakish ways soon after their union was legalized in the eyes of family and state. She was also perpetually pregnant, giving birth to eight children in nearly as many years, but only two daughters, Mary and Anne, survived to adulthood. The rest died in infancy. After suffering from cancer for three years, Anne finally succumbed to the disease in , a few weeks after giving birth to her eighth child. In her final days, she also became a secret convert to Catholicism. One evening after enjoying a hearty dinner at Burlington House, Anne retired to pray, and then collapsed in the chapel. A frantic James sent for the Bishop of Oxford, but by the time he arrived, Anne was incoherent. She died at St. Death is very terrible. Mary, born on April 30, , would marry William of Orange and become a key player in the Glorious Revolution that would overthrow her own father and place herself and her husband on the English throne. So, are you a royal watcher? Do the impending nuptials of William and Kate have you excited or are you more fascinated with their place in the pageant of history?

Chapter 5 : Thomas Markle - Wikipedia

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Chapter 6 : Notorious Royal Marriages : Leslie Carroll :

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A funny, raucous, and delightfully dirty year history of the royal marriages of Europe's most famous-and infamous-monarchs. Since time immemorial, royal marriages have had little to do with love- and almost everything to do with diplomacy and dynasty.

Chapter 7 : Leslie Carroll (Author of Notorious Royal Marriages)

*Read "Notorious Royal Marriages A Juicy Journey Through Nine Centuries of Dynasty, Destiny, and Desire" by Leslie Carroll with Rakuten Kobo. **From the author of *American Princess: The Love Story of Meghan Markle and Prince Harry *comes a funny and delightful.*

Chapter 8 : Holdings: Notorious royal marriages :

Since time immemorial, royal marriages have had little to do with love - but almost everything to do with diplomacy and dynasty. Clashing personalities have joined in unholy matrimony to form such infamous couples as Russia's Peter II and Catherine the Great and France's Henry II and Catherine de Medici - all with the purpose of begetting a male heir.

Chapter 9 : author interview: Leslie Carroll on Notorious Royal Marriages â€“ theinnatdunvilla.com

Please join me at the gorgeous, historic Dorset Inn in on Saturday, Feb. 6th at 3 p.m for an afternoon of Royal gossip from my newest book, NOTORIOUS ROYAL MARRIAGES: A Juicy Journey Through Nine Centuries of Dynasty, Destiny and Desire.