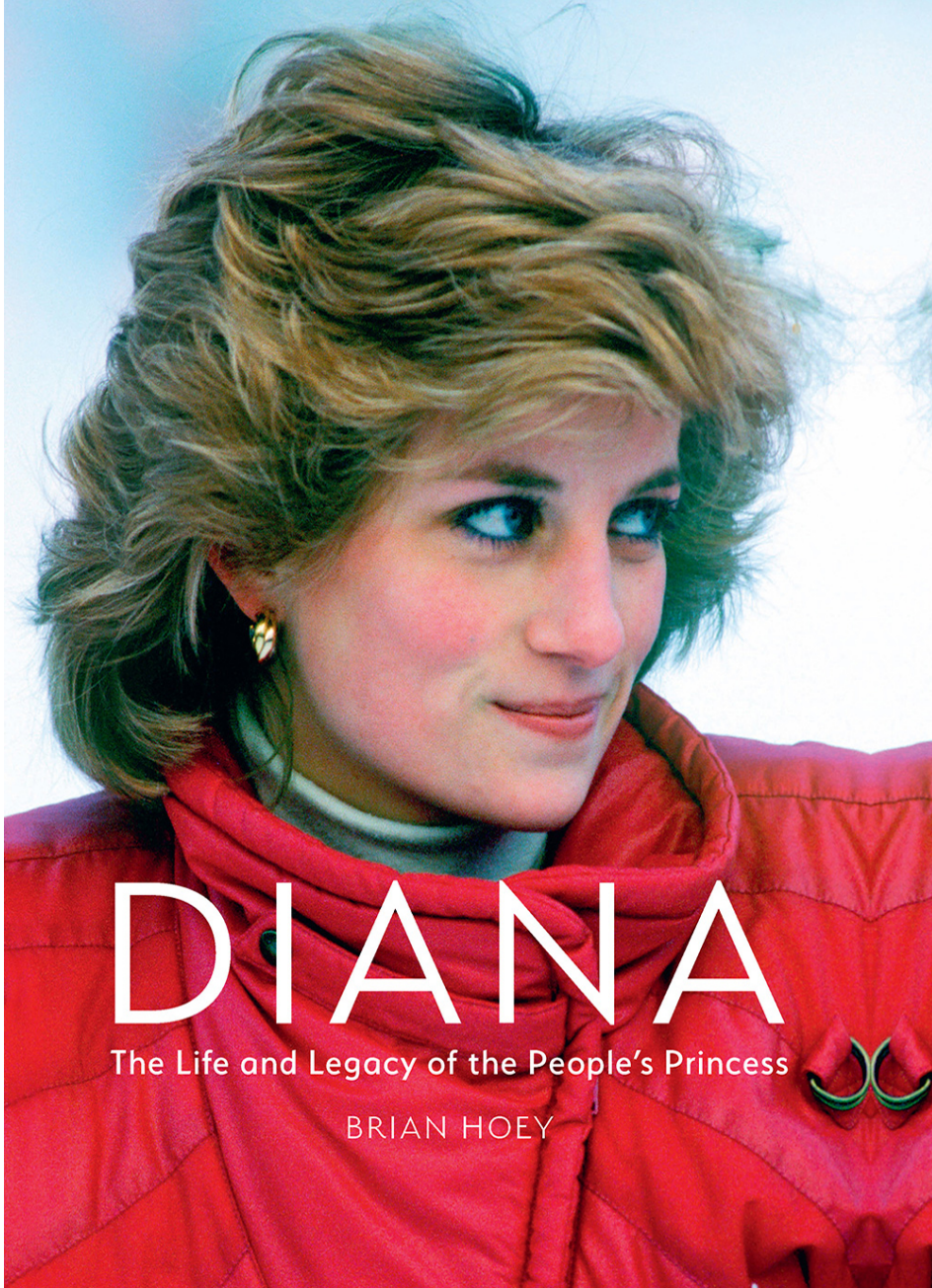


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LEFT: Diana joined the Royal Family many times on Buckingham Palace's balcony for the Trooping the Colour flypast. How proud she would have been to see her son, Prince William, his wife and three children alongside The Queen in June 2022, when the event coincided with celebrations for Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee.

OPPOSITE: On 21 July 1997, Diana was at Northwick Park Hospital in Harrow, north London, where she unveiled the foundation stone for the children's casualty unit; sadly, this was to be her last official public engagement.

Prologue

On Sunday 31 August 1997, the nation awoke to the news that Diana, Princess of Wales had died.

As someone who had the privilege of meeting Diana on several occasions, I still find it difficult to believe that this event that shocked the world took place more than a quarter of a century ago. The recollection of that fateful summer day still reverberates, and for many, like me, the memories remain fresh.

Diana, Princess of Wales was just 36 years old when she died in the early hours of that August day in 1997 in a horrific car crash in Paris, along with her friend, Dodi Fayed, the son of Mohamad al-Fayed who was at that time the owner of Harrods, London's most famous department store.

More than 25 years on, within the Royal Family itself there have been many changes: numerous births, several marriages and, naturally, the deaths of some main characters. Queen Elizabeth II's sister, Princess Margaret, died on 9 February 2002 at the age of 71. Just seven weeks later, on 30 March, their mother, the 101-year-old Queen Mother, died at her home, Royal Lodge in Windsor Great Park. On 9 April 2021, Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh, to whom The Queen had been married

