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LEFT: Baby Princess Elizabeth with her parents: her mother the Duchess of York, who was Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon before her marriage, and her father the Duke of York, who would later become George VI.

OPPOSITE: Her Majesty The Queen in France in 2014, attending a State Banquet hosted by President François Hollande, part of the ceremonies marking the 70th anniversary of D-Day.

The Woman Who is The Queen

Elizabeth II is the most famous woman in the world and yet, arguably, she is also one of the most private. When she was born on 21 April 1926 at 17 Bruton Street in London's Mayfair, the family home of her maternal grandparents, the Earl and Countess of Strathmore, it was the only time a future Queen would be born in a private house, not a palace or a castle. And for those who like to know such things, the year of her birth also saw the appearance for the first time on London's streets of red telephone boxes, which later became ubiquitous.

The Queen's public image is recognised in every country on earth, but very few people know the person behind the regal smile, the courtly wave. We have all seen her in a variety of guises: on countless stamps, coins and banknotes; dressed in her formal robes at the State Opening of Parliament, the only time, apart from her Coronation, when she wears a crown; in the colourful cloak and bonnet of the

