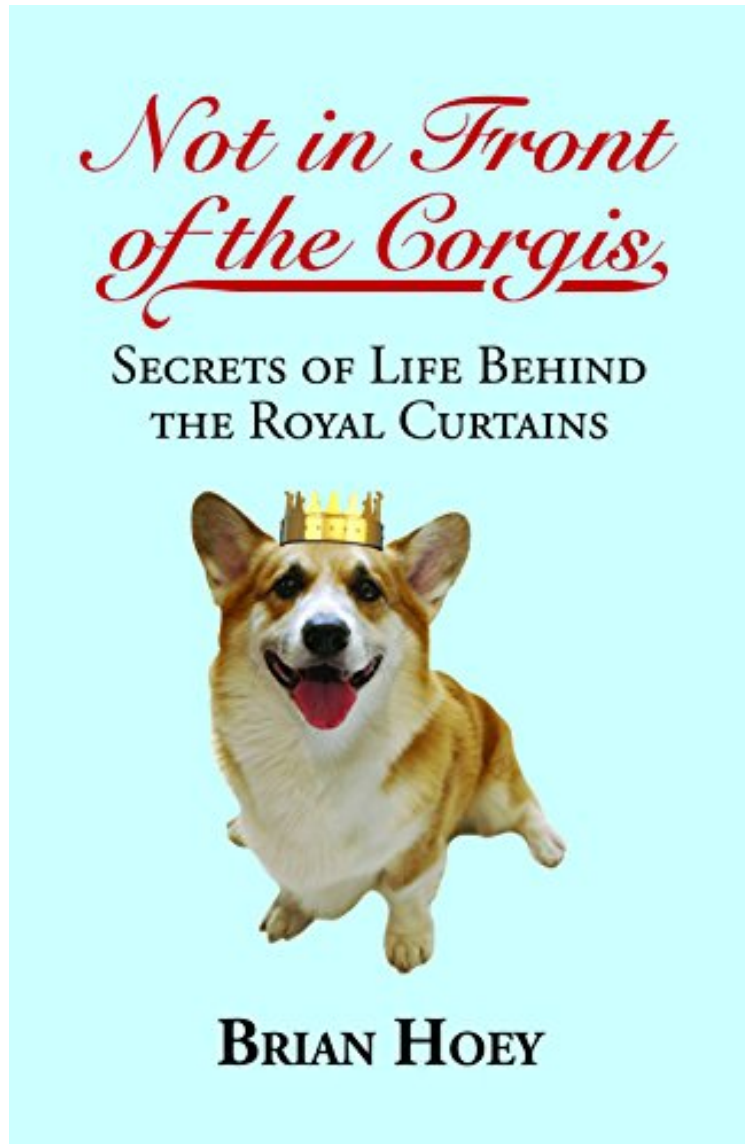


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Meaningless Fun!!By DebsterInteresting and sometimes

unimaginable tidbits about the royals. Their odd habits and lavish lifestyles were fascinating to me. However, I found the information about their wealth, how much the servants are paid and other financial facts, meaningless because there was no US dollar equivalency noted. This really lessened my enjoyment of the book. The fact that someone has to iron shoestrings after Prince Charles takes his shoes off was something that is unimportant in the grand scheme of things, but yet the kind of scoop I was hoping for! If you are looking for a short, fun read that won't tax your mind then this is it. I gave this book 4 out of 5 stars because I thought it was good for the type of book it was meant to be. It's not a great literary work that will stand the test of time, but rather a guilty pleasure for someone desiring the inside 411 on how those born with a silver spoon in their mouth (literally!) live. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. I was a little disappointed. By Marti Seifert-frakes This book wasn't what I thought it would be.... I thought it would be loaded with stories about the various members of the Royal Family, full of behind the scenes antidotes, but it wasn't. This book was about the salaries cost of running the "Firm". And stories of how the "Family" treat their servants. So, I was a little disappointed. 54 of 59 people found the following review helpful. Mildly Interesting Account of the Royals By Ms Winston (Kindle edition) Brian Hoey has written about the Royal Family for over 40 years, so one assumes that he has more than a passing interest in, and knowledge of, the subject. While some of the stories were new to me (Prince Charles's underwear is new each day, as the previous day's undergarments are thrown away after one wearing), other stories have seemed to make the rounds for years (the late Princess Margaret dismissing a maid for wearing one of her gowns for a night out on the town). Much time was allowed for detailed descriptions of royal homes, but with no photographs or line drawings to accompany the text these were not exactly the highlights of the book. For me, the most valuable sections dealt with the attitude of the Royals for their servants -- an accident of birth alone makes one person the mistress or master and the other their social "inferior." While we Americans may have gone too far the other way, not being able to sit in the royal presence without permission is something with which I cannot identify. Is it any wonder that those of us who follow the Royals look for the human moments in their stories? I do not think it is an accident that the most popular members of the family (the Princess Royal and the late Princess Diana, to give just two examples) are the ones who seem more involved in "real life." In that regard, Hoey gives good thumbnail sketches of the more prominent members of the family. Having always had a secret admiration for Prince Phillip, I was glad to read that his staff is very loyal to him and that much of his reputation as a martinet is overblown. In most of the stories, dismissed staff members had overstepped their bounds by being too familiar, bounds of which they must have been aware when they were hired. I think the book will be of great interest to those who can never get enough of the Royals and those who want to know salary grades, duties of the staff and servants, with some personal information on the royal family thrown in. I disagree with the reviewer who feels that the author dislikes the Royal Family. Just because one doesn't worship at the shrine doesn't mean one hates or dislikes one's subject matter. As to the Kindle edition, I appreciate that we were given the cover of the book with the picture of the adorable Corgi, not just the title page as is often the case with e-books. There were a few typos, but nothing of significance. My e-book was without pictures, and I do not know if that was the case with the print edition. It is a book that cries out for illustrations!

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About the Author Brian Hoey: Brian Hoey has been a writer and broadcaster for over 40 years, covering countless Royal events, including the wedding of Charles and Diana in 1981 and Princess Diana's funeral in 1997. He has written over 25 books, many of them about the British Royal Family given his extensive access. They have all been serialized in leading international newspapers.