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Von Hugo Vickers : Elizabeth, The Queen Mother before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Elizabeth, The Queen Mother:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. oh dear - a miserable first biographyVon AmelrodeThe greatest Queen Consort ever- it seems that this is the final verdict of Hugo Vickers on the Queen Mother, even tough is wording is a bit more careful (page 503). Well does his biography actually support this quite sweeping statement?The biography remembers graciously a gracious lady; however that

does not make the Queen Mother the greatest queen consort ever. I believe it is pretty hard to write the very first full biography on the life of a personality more or less every one of us remembers and has formed an opinion already. The first biography sets the standards and the ground on which future biographies will be measured. And here Hugo Vickers has done a quite miserable job. On the positive side: The book is well very well written and a highly enjoyable to read. There was never ever a moment where I wanted to stop reading further. One learns a hell of a lot about her life; her family, the Royal Family and the changing of times. Alas, there is a huge but to this all. I was missing the passages on the political importance of the Queen Mother during her time as consort and during her time as Queen Mother. As consort one kind of knows that she was the "most dangerous woman in Britain" as Hitler was suppose to say, keeping up spirits and being the power behind the throne. But there is not much about this in the book. The Queen Mother did not like to be described as such as she properly felt it would diminish the achievements of The King, her beloved husband. How was really the "working relationship" between King and Queen, did she influence decisions, if yes how far. Here Vickers is really shy and not knowledgeable. The passages on the abdication and the Windsor's, the Princess Margaret's affaires or later on the younger royals are less then satisfactory. Something is simply missing and one gets the impression that she was simply a by-stander. Does one really believe this? Maybe she was but than she could hardly be the greatest consort ever. I wished he would have given more concrete thought about this and spending less energy and pages on the Queen Mother's outfits and color schemes of her dresses. This is all a bit to "loyal" and keeping with the myth. Maybe Vickers is a bit to close to her and bit too admiring. He is at least honest about his association with the Queen Mother, but I am not sure that his assessment of his own level of objectivity is correct. All in all, it is a book one doesn't really need to read. But I believe this is not the last word on the Queen Mother and future biographies will have to be written in order complete the picture of the Queen Mother. The Queen Mother was an extraordinary personality and to capture this one needs an extraordinary biography.

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Queen mum Von Gudrun Eine gut mit Quellenmaterial belegte Biographie ber Queen mum, die jeder Royal-Fan gelesen haben sollte! Der Lebensweg der Knigin ist sehr detailliert und einfhlsam geschildert, viele der ffentlichkeit eher unbekannte Ereignisse werden aufgezeigt. Auerdem entwirft der Autor auch ein gut nachvollziehbares Sittenbild Englands in der ersten Hlfte des 20. Jahrhunderts. Sein groer Wissensstand ber intime Geheimnisse am Hof lsst auf ein Nahverhltnis zum englischen Knigshaus schlieen... Auch deswegen ist das Buch fr einen Royal-Fan von Interesse. Eine mit vielen Zeitzeugen gespickte profunde Biographie, die sicherlich sehr authentisch dargestellt ist.

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Kurzbeschreibung Harold Nicolson called her 'the greatest Queen since Cleopatra', while Cecil Beaton called her 'a marshmallow made on a welding machine'. Stephen Tennant said: 'She looked everything that she was not: gentle, gullible, tenderness mingled with dispassionate serenity, cool, well-bred, remote. Behind this veil she schemed and vacillated, hard as nails.' Who was she? The Queen Mother's story has not yet been properly told. This was partly due to her long life, and the difficulty that always exists when a biography of a living person is attempted, partly because she was a queen - and the real person gets hidden behind the perceived image - and partly because she is hard to pin down. From her privileged aristocratic childhood, to the abdication and the problems with Diana - this book questions how she faced her challenges and crises, assess her role, how powerful she was, and how she coped. This is a candid, personal portrait of one of Britain's most loved national treasures. Hugo Vickers, an acknowledged expert on the House of Windsor, has spent seventeen years researching this book, and observed the Queen Mother in public and private over a period of forty years.

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