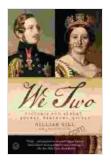
# **We Two Victoria and Albert: Rulers, Partners, Rivals**



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Queen Victoria and Prince Albert were one of the most famous royal couples in history. Their marriage was a love match, and they were devoted to each other. However, they were also two strong-willed individuals, and their relationship was not without its challenges.

Victoria was born in 1819, the only child of Prince Edward, Duke of Kent and Strathearn, and his wife, Princess Victoria of Saxe-Coburg-Saalfeld. She became Queen of the United Kingdom at the age of 18, following the death of her uncle, King William IV. Albert was born in 1819, the second

son of Duke Ernest I of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha and his wife, Princess Louise of Saxe-Gotha-Altenburg. He was a handsome and intelligent prince, and he quickly won Victoria's heart.

The couple married in 1840, and they had nine children together. Victoria was a devoted mother, but she also took her royal duties seriously. She was a strong supporter of the British Empire, and she played a key role in the country's industrial and technological development.

Albert was a brilliant scientist and inventor. He was also a devoted husband and father. He supported Victoria in her work, and he helped to modernize the British monarchy. Albert died in 1861, at the age of 42, from typhoid fever. Victoria was devastated by his death, and she never fully recovered.

Victoria and Albert were a remarkable couple. They were both strong and independent individuals, but they were also deeply devoted to each other. Their marriage was a love match, and they were a model of royal partnership. Victoria was a great queen, and Albert was a brilliant prince. Together, they helped to shape the course of British history.

### **Victoria's Early Life**

Victoria was born in Kensington Palace, London, on May 24, 1819. Her father, Prince Edward, Duke of Kent and Strathearn, was the fourth son of King George III. Her mother, Princess Victoria of Saxe-Coburg-Saalfeld, was the daughter of Francis, Duke of Saxe-Coburg-Saalfeld, and his wife, Augusta, Princess of Reuss-Ebersdorf.

Victoria's father died when she was just eight months old. Her mother was a devoted parent, but she was also a strict disciplinarian. Victoria was

raised in a simple and frugal household. She was educated by private tutors, and she learned to speak English, French, German, and Italian.

Victoria became heir to the throne at the age of 10, following the death of her uncle, King George IV. She was crowned Queen of the United Kingdom on June 28, 1838, at the age of 18.

#### **Albert's Early Life**

Albert was born in Coburg, Germany, on August 26, 1819. His father, Duke Ernest I of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, was a liberal and progressive ruler. His mother, Princess Louise of Saxe-Gotha-Altenburg, was a devout Lutheran.

Albert was a bright and inquisitive child. He was educated by private tutors, and he excelled in mathematics, science, and music. He was also a gifted artist and sculptor.

In 1836, Albert traveled to England to visit his cousin, Queen Victoria. He quickly won her heart with his intelligence, wit, and charm. The couple married in 1840, and they had nine children together.

## Victoria and Albert's Marriage

Victoria and Albert's marriage was a love match. They were both strong and independent individuals, but they were also deeply devoted to each other. Albert was a devoted husband and father, and he supported Victoria in her work. He helped to modernize the British monarchy, and he played a key role in the country's industrial and technological development.

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#### Victoria's Reign

Victoria's reign was a time of great change for the British Empire. The country's population grew rapidly, and its economy boomed. Victoria was a strong supporter of the Empire, and she played a key role in its expansion.

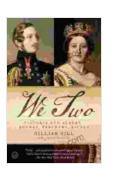
Victoria was also a devoted mother, and she raised her children with love and care. She was a role model for women around the world, and she helped to change the way that women were viewed in society.

Victoria died on January 22, 1901, at the age of 81. She was the longest-reigning monarch in British history. Her death was a great loss to the nation, and she is still remembered today as one of the greatest queens in British history.

#### **Albert's Legacy**

Albert died in 1861, at the age of 42, from typhoid fever. His death was a devastating blow to Victoria, and she never fully recovered. However, Albert's legacy lived on. He was a brilliant scientist and inventor, and he played a key role in the modernization of the British monarchy.

Albert was also a devoted husband and father. He loved Victoria dearly, and he supported her in her work. He was a model of royal partnership, and he helped to shape the course of British history.



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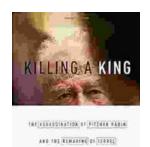
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