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# Victoria & Albert: A Royal Love Affair



## Synopsis

More than 16 million viewers watched the first season of the Masterpiece presentation of *Victoria*, created and written by Daisy Goodwin—the highest-rated PBS drama in twenty years, second only to *Downton Abbey*. But what happened after the Queen married her handsome prince? Did they live happily ever after, or did their marriage, like so many royal marriages past and present, fizzle into a loveless round of duty? This all-new companion book by Daisy Goodwin and Sara Sheridan transports us to the private world of Victoria and Albert. Though first cousins, they could not have been more different: Victoria was impulsive, emotional, and capricious, Albert cautious, self-controlled, and logical. But together they forged a bond with each other and with their people that would change the world. Drawing on letters and diaries and fresh insights into royal history, this gorgeous book charts the constant ebb and flow of power within the couple's surprisingly ardent and modern marriage. Sumptuously illustrated and full of rich insider detail, *Victoria & Albert* takes us behind the scenes of the magnificent TV drama, including fascinating, in-depth information on the actors, the props, and the costumes—and bringing an extraordinary royal marriage even more fully to life.

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DAISY GOODWIN is the author of the New York Times bestselling novels *The American Heiress* and *The Fortune Hunter*. She attended Columbia University's film school as a Harkness scholar after earning a degree in history at Cambridge University, and was Chair of the judging panel of the 2010 Orange Prize for Fiction. She is the screenwriter and executive producer of the PBS/Masterpiece drama *Victoria*. She lives in London. SARA SHERIDAN studied at Trinity College, Dublin, and lives in Edinburgh. An historical novelist and journalist, she says, "History is a treasure

chest which contains not only facts and figures, archive material and artefacts but stories. I love the stories." She has received a Scottish Library Award and was shortlisted for the Saltire Book Prize.

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