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## The Wicked Wit of Queen Elizabeth II

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### Keynote

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### Description

**A beautiful collection celebrating the Queen's humour, with amusing quotations and stories about royal life.**

When thinking of the Queen, our first image is one of dignity and authority. She is the very definition of majesty: the British monarch, the Supreme Governor of the Church of England and the head of the Commonwealth. But as anyone who knows her will tell you, in person she has a **wicked sense of humour**:

\* Occasionally **unintentional** (when meeting guitar legend Eric Clapton she enquired 'Have you been playing a long time?')

\* Sometimes **cannily astute** ('I have to be seen to be believed')

\* At times **downright silly** (nicely demonstrated when staff at Balmoral discovered the Queen jumping up and down with glee exclaiming 'I've won, I've won!' after hearing that England had beaten Australia in the cricket)

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### Sales Points

- A beautifully presented celebration of the Queen's humour revealed through her own words, as well as stories from the rest of the family and quotes from the inimitable Prince Philip
- Includes chapters on life in the palace, family, pets, hobbies, royal celebrations and Christmas speeches, all packed with personal anecdotes from the royal household
- 2015 will see the Queen become the longest-serving British monarch and publication will coincide with the Queen's official birthday in June
- Includes 25 black and white photographs
- From the publishers of *The Wicked Wit of Winston Churchill* (over 330,000 copies sold to date)

### Author Biography

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