



My Dearest, Dearest Albert

Queen Victoria's Life Through Her
Letters and Journals

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'It really is too dreadful to have the first year
of one's married life and happiness spoilt by
discomfort and misery'

Victoria on her daughter Vicky's pregnancy

Victoria kept a daily journal from the age of thirteen and by the time of her death had written a monumental 122 volumes. Using excerpts from her letters and diaries, this book shows the very human face of Queen Victoria.

Photographs of the Queen most often show a plump Empress wearing widow's black: serious and regal. In reality, Victoria's character was rather different. She had a reputation for being fun-loving, frank and entertaining in private. Writing openly and in great detail, Victoria revealed herself to be emotional and honest about her own feelings and experiences, as well as her opinions of other people. She praises Albert and pours out her love and desire for her husband, her adored lover, friend and companion.

This book shows the redoubtable Victoria at her most human, whether enthusing over her hobbies, delighting in and criticising her children in equal measure, commenting on family and advisers, or sharing her love for her dearest, dearest Albert.

ITV's award-winning *Victoria* has become one of the most popular period shows on TV. The third series will air later this year.

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