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## About

Robert Hardman is a leading writer on the British royal scene and one of Britain's most accomplished journalists.

His most recent book Our Queen, which was published by Hutchinson in October 2011, has been a bestseller. Robert was writer and co-producer of the follow on ITV film, also called Our Queen. Broadcast globally, it was ITV's most-watched documentary in 2013.

In recent years, he has interviewed members of the Royal Family many times for a series of internationally-acclaimed films and for his book, Monarchy: The Royal Family At Work (2007). The same book was published in the United States as A Year With The Queen.

Most recently for television, he interviewed The Prince of Wales at length for the BBC1's 90-minute special film, Charles at 60: The Passionate Prince (2008) which he also narrated. Six months earlier, he wrote the ITV1 series, The Duke: A Portrait of Prince Philip (2008). This followed the landmark BBC1 series, Monarchy: The Royal Family At Work (2007) for which Robert wrote both the book and the script. As associate producer, he was co-creator of the series and also interviewed many of the major figures in what was the most extensive royal production ever made. Prior to this, Robert played a similar role as the writer and associate producer of the much-loved BBC1 series, The Queen's Castle (2005), which enjoyed similar international success.

As a newspaper journalist and columnist, first with the Daily Telegraph and now with the Daily Mail, he has been covering British and international affairs at every level for many years. A former diarist, political sketchwriter, sports columnist and restaurant critic, he now casts an even broader eye as the author of the acclaimed How I See It column in the Daily Mail. At the same time, he keeps a close eye on royal matters. Aside from the British Royal Family, his royal interviewees have included the Emperor and Empress of Japan, the King and Queen of Norway and the Queen of Denmark. A Cambridge University Classics graduate, he is married with two daughters and a son and lives in London.

OUR QUEEN, Hutchinson, 2011

'Simply magnificent. This gripping, fascinating and authoritative tour de force - covering the Queen herself, the power and the celebrity of Britain's royalty with equal panache - gleams with a unique combination of insider anecdotes, deep knowledge, personal experience and superb storytelling by Britain's outstanding royal observer.' *Simon Sebag*

*Montefiore, author of JERUSALEM*

'At long last we have the definitive portrait of Queen Elizabeth II's world today. Robert Hardman knows the true story and tells it superbly.' *Andrew Roberts*

'Hardman's portrait of the reign of Elizabeth II is beautifully observed and shows why she is justly one of the most admired heads of state in the postwar world.' *Evening Standard*

'As well as the entire senior management of both Buckingham and St James's palaces, Hardman has interviewed David Cameron, the Archbishop of Canterbury, former Prime Ministers, the last four Foreign Secretaries and scores of others, so this book abounds with insights. Yet its real value lies in the sheer quality of the writing and the consistently sound judgement that Hardman brings in teasing out the true character of one of the world's most exemplary human beings.' *Mail on Sunday*

'Hardman knows his subject intimately and has used his enviable access to produce a richly detailed and thoughtful account.' *Telegraph*

'The most important royal book for years.' *Daily Mail*

## Other

| PUBLICATION DETAILS | NOTES |
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| **OUR QUEEN**<br>2011<br>Hutchinson | A unique insight into the life of Queen Elizabeth II. |
| **A YEAR WITH THE QUEEN**<br>2007<br>Ebury | What is everyday life like in the 650 rooms beyond the gates of Buckingham Palace? What happens behind the scenes when the most powerful man in the world invites the most famous woman in the world to a banquet? What do you say when it's your turn to meet royalty? This magnificently illustrated book – like the brilliant BBC series that it accompanies – tells the story from the inside. No previous book has shown the workings of the monarchy in such intimate detail, with the royal family, world leaders and members of the public offering their own stories too.<br>Following a year of unprecedented access to the Royal Household, Robert Hardman expertly presents a historic portrait of modern royal life – from the monarch's regular chats with her prime minister to the razzmatazz of an American tour; from a seaside stroll with the Prince of Wales to a weekend in Iraq with Prince Philip. We see the remarkable work of the entire Royal Household team – the man who carries around the Crown, the team that counts out the medals, the staff who are as meticulous in preparing a garden party for 8,000 as an audience for one.<br>The result is a book packed with fabulous photographs, important insights and wonderful anecdotes. It adds up to essential reading for anyone fascinated by the real workings of the royal family.<br>'Fascinating and gripping, funny and moving, this superb, very human portrait of monarchy at work is highly readable, deeply researched and impressively authoritative.'<br>Simon Sebag Montefiore, author of Young Stalin<br>'A beautifully observed and entertaining description of the way the monarchy is run from top to bottom.' Literary Review |