

Philip Ziegler

Author / Biographer

Philip Ziegler was born in 1929 and educated at Eton and Oxford. He was a diplomat before becoming an editorial director at the publishers William Collins. His many books include acclaimed biographies of William IV, Lady Diana Cooper, Lord Mountbatten and Harold Wilson, as well as the classic history of the Black Death. His authorized biography of Edward Heath won the Elizabeth Longford Prize in 2011.



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Publications

Non-Fiction

Publication Details	Notes
OLIVIER 2013 Quercus	Hollywood superstar; Oscar-winning director; greatest stage actor of the twentieth century. The era abounded in great actors - Gielgud, Richardson, Guinness, Burton, O'Toole - but none could challenge Laurence Olivier's range and power. With access to more than fifty hours of candid, unpublished interviews, Philip Ziegler ensures that Olivier's true character - at its most undisguised - shines through as never before.
KING EDWARD VIII 2012 HarperCollins	In this masterly authorized biography, Philip Ziegler reveals the complex personality of Edward VIII, the only British monarch to have voluntarily renounced the throne.

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QUEEN ELIZABETH II 2010 Thames & Hudson	A photographic portrait, foreword by Emma Blau.
EDWARD HEATH 2010 HarperCollins	The masterly official biography of Britain's former prime minister, which captures all the political drama of the 1970s, so relevant for the present day
THE BLACK DEATH 2009 Faber Finds	First published 40 years ago this remains the definitive account of the virulent epidemic.
MOUNTBATTEN 2001 Weidenfeld & Nicolson	Ziegler presents a rounded, sympathetic and yet wholly undeceived portrait of the man and the many facets of his character.
EDWARD VIII: THE OFFICIAL BIOGRAPHY 1991 Fontana Press	Philip Ziegler has had access to all the papers in the Royal archives for this biography. Crucial letters to and from Queen Mary, and Edward's brother, George VI, plus diaries and letters of others in the household are quoted for the first time.
DIANA COOPER 1983 Penguin	The biography of Lady Diana Cooper