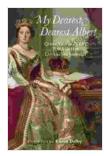
### **My Dearest Dearest Albert**

#### A Royal Love Story for the Ages

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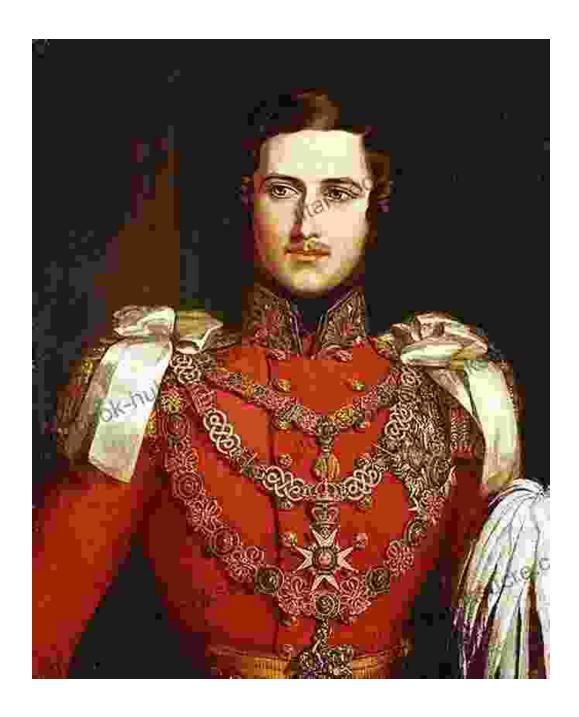
**Queen Victoria: A Young Monarch** 



Victoria was born on May 24, 1819, to Prince Edward, Duke of Kent, and Princess Victoria of Saxe-Coburg-Saalfeld. She was the only child of her parents and the heir presumptive to the British throne.

Victoria's childhood was marked by both privilege and isolation. She was raised in Kensington Palace under the strict supervision of her mother, who was determined to prepare her for her future role as queen.

#### **Prince Albert: A German Prince**



Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, aged 20, circa 1840.

Albert was born on August 26, 1819, to Ernest I, Duke of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, and Princess Louise of Saxe-Gotha-Altenburg. He was the second son of his parents and had two older sisters.

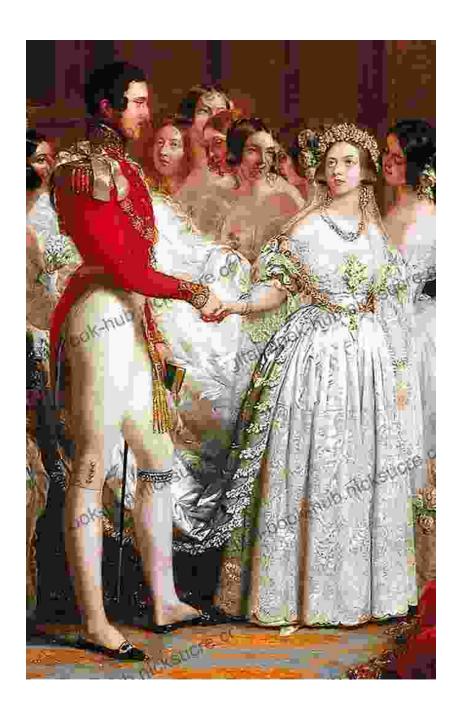
Albert received a well-rounded education, which included studies in history, philosophy, and the arts. He was also a gifted musician and a keen sportsman. Albert was a handsome and charming young man, and he was considered to be a good catch for a potential bride.

#### A Royal Match

Victoria and Albert first met in 1836, when Albert's uncle, King Leopold of Belgium, arranged a meeting between the two young royals. Victoria was immediately smitten with Albert, and she wrote in her diary that he was "the most agreeable and unaffected young man I ever saw."

Albert was equally impressed with Victoria, and he wrote to his uncle that she was "very amiable and unaffected, with a fine figure and a charming expression."

#### **A Royal Wedding**



Victoria and Albert were married on February 10, 1840, at the Chapel Royal, St. James's Palace. The wedding was a grand affair, and it was attended by royalty from all over Europe.

Victoria and Albert's marriage was a true partnership. Albert was Victoria's confidant, advisor, and soulmate. He was also a dedicated father to their nine children.

#### **A Lasting Legacy**

Victoria and Albert's love and friendship left an enduring legacy on the British monarchy. They were a model of a royal couple, and their marriage was a source of stability and strength for the nation.

Victoria's reign was one of the longest in British history, and she is remembered as one of the most influential monarchs of all time. Albert's influence was also significant. He was a driving force behind many of Victoria's reforms, and he helped to modernize the monarchy.

Victoria and Albert died within a few months of each other in 1861. Their deaths were a great loss to the nation, and they were mourned by people all over the world.

#### **A Timeless Love Story**

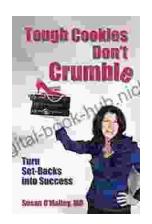
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