

# Becoming Queen Victoria: The Tragic Death Of Princess Charlotte And The Unexpected Rise Of Britain S Greatest Monarch

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On November 6, 1817, Princess Charlotte Augusta of Wales, the only child of the Prince Regent (later King George IV), died tragically at the age of 21, just hours after giving birth to a stillborn son. Her death sent shockwaves throughout the nation and plunged the royal family into mourning. Charlotte was the heir presumptive to the throne, and her untimely demise left a gaping hole in the line of succession.

Charlotte's death had a profound impact on British history. It led to the unexpected rise of her uncle, Prince William, Duke of Clarence, who became heir presumptive and eventually ascended to the throne as King William IV in 1830. William's reign marked a significant turning point in British history, as he ushered in a period of reform and modernization.



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In this captivating book, historian Amanda Foreman delves into the tragic death of Princess Charlotte and its far-reaching consequences. Foreman draws on extensive research and firsthand accounts to paint a vivid portrait of Charlotte's life, her untimely demise, and the profound impact it had on the British monarchy and the nation as a whole.

## **Inside the Book**

The book is divided into three parts:

### **1. Part One: Charlotte's Life and Legacy**

This section explores Charlotte's childhood, education, and her relationship with her parents and siblings. Foreman also sheds light on Charlotte's ambitions and her role as a potential future queen.

### **2. Part Two: The Tragedy**

This section provides a detailed account of Charlotte's pregnancy, labor, and tragic death. Foreman examines the medical circumstances surrounding her demise and the controversy that ensued.

### **3. Part Three: The Aftermath**

This section explores the impact of Charlotte's death on the royal family, the nation, and the line of succession. Foreman discusses the rise of Prince William as heir presumptive and the political and social changes that occurred during his reign.

## Key Features

- **Extensive research:** Based on firsthand accounts, letters, and archival documents, the book provides a comprehensive and accurate account of Princess Charlotte's life and death.
- **Vivid storytelling:** Foreman's writing brings the story to life, immersing readers in the events that unfolded and the emotions that surrounded them.
- **Historical insights:** The book not only tells the story of Princess Charlotte but also provides valuable insights into the social, political, and cultural landscape of Britain in the early 19th century.
- **Stunning illustrations:** The book is richly illustrated with portraits, paintings, and other historical images that help bring the story to life.

## Praise for the Book

"A fascinating and meticulously researched account of a tragic event that shaped the course of British history." – **The Times**

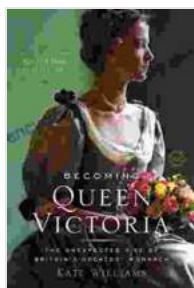
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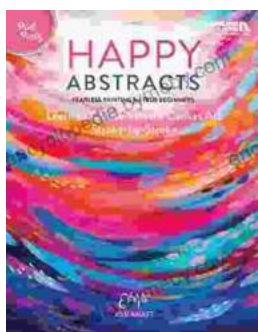
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