



Wives to the Kings of England

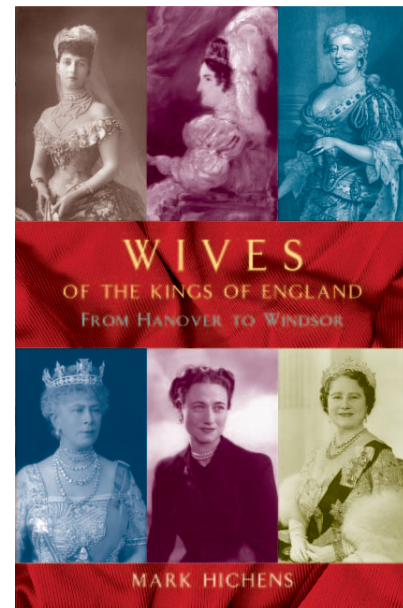
From Hanover to Windsor

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Consorts of the British monarchs have sometimes been regarded as dangerously influential on their husbands, although history shows that there has been only one queen who sought to be the power behind the throne.

Mark Hichens's book surveys the wives of the English kings since the Hanoverian succession. Some, indeed, played a major role in preserving the monarchy, while life has not always been easy for them, one being imprisoned for life, another arraigned before the House of Lords, while a third has been described as 'the most wronged wife in Europe'. From George III's much put-upon wife Charlotte to Mrs Simpson and Elizabeth the Queen Mother, the survival on the monarchy is in no small measure down to them.

Praise for Mark Hichens' previous book *Prime Ministers Wives*:

'Mark Hichens throws a great deal of light upon the wives (and in one case husband) of those who have guided the political destiny of the country . . . He has wisely avoided the fictions of press cuttings and made a genuine attempt to get behind the public façade. He paints a sympathetic and convincing picture of Prime Ministers' spouses from Catherine Walpole to Cherie Blair' – NORMA MAJOR, *Mail on Sunday*

'Well-written and well-researched . . . Prime Ministers' wives are generally far nicer people than their husbands.'
– ANDREW ROBERTS, *Sunday Telegraph*

'Readable and entertaining without being trivial, this book weaves together the great perspectives of politics and the homely. Nowhere is this better done than in the chapter on Clementine Churchill. The world already knows how much it owed to Winston. Hichens makes clear how much Winston owed to Clementine' – *Scotland on Sunday*

'A jolly read and should be compulsory reading for spouses of any would-be Prime Ministers.' – KEITH SIMPSON, MP