



# Ladies of the Bedchamber

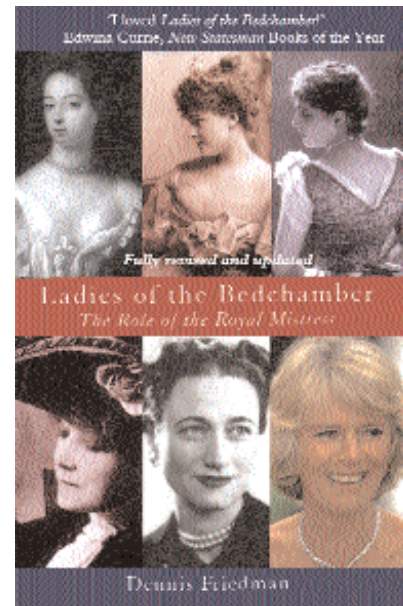
*The Role of the Royal Mistress*

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**'I loved Dennis Friedman's *Ladies of the Bedchamber!*'**  
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**On the back of excellent reviews, magazine coverage and a sell-out hardback edition in 2003, the paperback edition of *Ladies of the Bedchamber* was published to coincide with the royal engagement and marriage of Prince Charles and Camilla Parker Bowles.**

The 'ladies of the bedchamber' may not all have been ladies – in fact, some of them have been men – but anyone who has shared a bed with a reigning British sovereign, or his or her heir, has in more than one instance changed the course of history.

*Ladies of the Bedchamber* examines the role played in royal life by the mistress and the concubine, as well as by commercial sex, the ready availability of which has arguably protected the virginal sanctity of the royal marriage. The book also shows how sex addiction has cast its shadow over the twentieth century, from the accession of Edward VII in 1901 to his and Mrs Alice Keppel's great-great-grandchildren, Charles, Prince of Wales, and Camilla Parker Bowles.

**'Dennis Friedman's entertaining book . . . provides a legitimate excuse for highlighting rampant royal debauchery . . . Camilla is something of a shrinking violet compared to raunchy royal mistresses of the past, and Friedman's disclosures make the royal love-birds' 30-year "fling" look like rather tepid stuff.'** – Val Hennessy, *Daily Mail*

**'A very good read, full of fascinating information about royal behaviour.'**  
– *What's On in London*

**'A delightful book.'** – *Royal Book News (USA)*

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