



## THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

### Buckingham Palace Shares New Photo of Queen Elizabeth to Mark the Start of Her Platinum Jubilee Year

The portrait was taken earlier this week at Sandringham House and shows the Queen beside her iconic red despatch box.



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In celebration of Queen Elizabeth's historic Platinum Jubilee, Buckingham Palace has released a new portrait of the 95-year-old, who today marks 70 years on the throne.

# AN EXCERPT FROM QUEEN ELIZABETH II'S PLATINUM JUBILEE MESSAGE

The 6th February marks the 70th anniversary of my Accession in 1952. It is a day that, even after 70 years, I still remember as much for the death of my father, King George VI, as for the start of my reign.

As we mark this anniversary, it gives me pleasure to renew to you the pledge I gave in 1947 that my life will always be devoted to your service.

As I look ahead with a sense of hope and optimism to the year of my Platinum Jubilee, I am reminded of how much we can be thankful for. These last seven decades have seen extraordinary progress socially, technologically and culturally that have benefitted us all; and I am confident that the future will offer similar opportunities to us and especially to the younger generations in the United Kingdom and throughout the Commonwealth.

Your Servant  
Elizabeth R.

Source: [history.com](https://www.history.com)



## CELEBRATIONS AROUND THE WORLD FOR HER MAJESTY, QUEEN ELIZABETH II

On 6 February 1952, 70 years ago, Princess Elizabeth acceded to the throne, after her father King George died, becoming Queen Elizabeth II and beginning her now seventy years of service to the United Kingdom, its territories, including the Cayman Islands, and the Commonwealth of Nations.

# THE COMMONWEALTH OF NATIONS

## Member States of the Commonwealth of Nations

The Commonwealth of Nations is a voluntary association of 54 sovereign states. Most of them were British colonies or dependencies of those colonies.

The symbol of this free association is Queen Elizabeth II, who serves as the Head of the Commonwealth.

Currently, fifteen of the 54 member states are Commonwealth realms, with the Head of the Commonwealth as their heads of state, five others are monarchies with their own individual monarchs (Brunei, Eswatini, Lesotho, Malaysia and Tonga), and the rest are republics. The Republic of Ireland (as of 1949 according to the Commonwealth; 1936 according to Irish government) and Zimbabwe (2003) are former members of the Commonwealth. South Africa, Pakistan, The Gambia, and the Maldives left and later rejoined the Commonwealth, and Zimbabwe has formally applied to rejoin.

Source: [Wikipedia](#)

## CELEBRATIONS IN THE CAYMAN ISLANDS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO YOUTH

The Queen is the first British monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee and countries all around the world will celebrate her historic reign.

Here in the Cayman Islands, Governor Martyn Roper said, "By joining in events with the rest of the UK and indeed so many others in the world, we help signal our collective warm feelings of respect and regard for Her Majesty."

Premier Wayne Panton said, "Our collective affection for our monarch has been reinforced by her two visits to the Cayman Islands in 1983 and 1994."

Source: [Cayman Compass](#) 31 January 2022

### February

- Saturday, 5 February – The opening of a commemorative exhibition by the Cayman Islands National Museum
- Sunday, 6 February – The public in all three islands are asked to pause at 12:15pm in recognition of the historical occasion.
- Sunday, 6 February – A special meeting of the House of Parliament begins at 4:30pm. Governor Martyn Roper will inspect the honour guard outside Parliament and read a Proclamation in celebration of the 70th anniversary of her Majesty's accession to the Throne. The House will then offer salutations to Her Majesty from Members of Parliament.

## March

- Sunday, 13 March – Commonwealth Day service at St. George’s Anglican Church
- Monday, 14 March – Annual Youth Parliament opens



13<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Parliament, 2020 (Source: [CaymanCompass.com](https://www.caymancompass.com))

## April

- The Cayman Islands will receive the Queen’s Jubilee Baton in preparation for the upcoming Commonwealth Games

## May

- Monday, 16 May – Charity Auto Show featuring vintage cars

## June

- Thursday, 2 June – Outdoor concerts at Pedro St. James, Grand Cayman and Christopher Columbus Gardens, Cayman Brac
- Friday, 3 June to Monday, 6 June – Extended public holiday long weekend. Throughout the weekend, trees will be planted across the islands as part of a special programme called “[The Queen’s Green Canopy: Plant a Tree for the Jubilee](#)”.
- Friday, 3 June – International Air Show & Live Music Concert, George Town
- Sunday, 5 June – Service of thanksgiving for the Queen at Elmslie Memorial Church and Children’s Tea Party at the Queen Elizabeth II Botanic Park

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**What is the meaning of “Your Majesty”?**

“Your Majesty” is a title of respect used when addressing a monarch of higher rank than a prince; that is, a king, queen, emperor, or empress.

**Who is a Monarch?**

A monarch is a king, queen, emperor or empress who rules a country by hereditary right (usually because their ancestors have ruled the country for many centuries).

**Who is a Queen?**

A queen is a female sovereign and head of state.

**Who is a Sovereign?**

A sovereign is a ruler of a country.

**Who is a Head of State?**

A Head of State is the chief person in the country.

**What is a realm?**

A realm is a kingdom, country, or region.



Source: [platinumjubilee.gov.uk](https://platinumjubilee.gov.uk)

## QUEEN ELIZABETH II

by Sara, a girl from Cochrane, Alberta, Canada

Source: [myhero.com](https://myhero.com)



Source: [thecrownchronicles.co.uk](https://thecrownchronicles.co.uk)



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# QUEEN ELIZABETH II

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I chose Queen Elizabeth for my hero because she is brave and a wonderful woman who has made the world a better place. I used a biography book, Queen Elizabeth II, for my project. The author of my book was Jennifer Zeiger.

Queen Elizabeth II was born on April 21, 1926. Elizabeth grew up in London, England. Her parents were Prince Albert and Elizabeth I, Duke and Duchess of York. Her grandfather was King George V, the United Kingdom's ruling monarch. Princess Elizabeth's father was the king's second son. She was third in line for the throne, behind her uncle Edward and her father. Few expected she would be queen. In 1930, the Yorks had a second daughter, Princess Margaret Rose. Princess Elizabeth did not go to school. She was educated at home. Elizabeth loves Corgi dogs. They are her favorite dog breed. She is an amazing horse expert, and she loves to ride.

On July 10, 1947 the Royal Family announced that Princess Elizabeth was going to marry Prince Philip. Philip would give up his title of Prince of Greece to become a British subject. When Elizabeth and Philip went on a world tour, Queen Elizabeth's dad died at the age of 53. His name was King George VI. Princess Elizabeth now became Queen Elizabeth. Queen Elizabeth loved her father so much that it was heartbreaking for her father to die, but Queen Elizabeth wasn't only thinking about her father, she was also thinking about becoming Queen. She was very nervous because her dad stumbled on some of his words, and he had to get someone to help him through his speeches, So Queen Elizabeth was very nervous to give her first speech in front of a whole lot of people.

The new family settled in at Clarence House, near Buckingham Palace in London. By now Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip had two children. Their first child's name was Charles Philip Arthur George. He was born on November 1948 and became second in line for the throne after Elizabeth. A daughter, Anne Elizabeth Alice Louise, was born two years later. I honestly wouldn't want to be Queen Elizabeth's child because I am happy with the family that I have, but I know she loves her children very much.

Source: [myhero.com/queen-elizabeth-ii](https://myhero.com/queen-elizabeth-ii)

# PLATINUM JUBILEE ART – THE RIVER OF HOPE

The “River of Hope” is an important part of the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Celebrations in London. In an inspiring festival of creativity, two hundred silk flags, appearing like a moving river, will be on display at the Platinum Jubilee Pageant. Primary and secondary school children are invited to create a picture of their hopes and aspirations for the planet over the next 70 years. A selection of these creations will be transferred on to silk flags, which will be carried by secondary school students in the Pageant.

Source: [royal.uk](http://royal.uk)

**Directions:** Use the flag below for your own artwork. You may want to focus on climate change and the Cayman Islands environment and write a message about your hopes for the future.



Coat of Arms: [Wikipedia.org](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Coat_of_Arms_of_the_Cayman_Islands)

**My Flag of Hope for Cayman**

# FASHION FOR YOUR PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

**Directions:** Put together a QUEEN or a PRINCE costume of your own and wear it to some of the celebrations in honour of Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip. Be sure to have a picture taken of you in your costume to mark this historic moment!



Source: [pinterest.com](https://www.pinterest.com)



Source: [costume-works.com](https://www.costume-works.com)

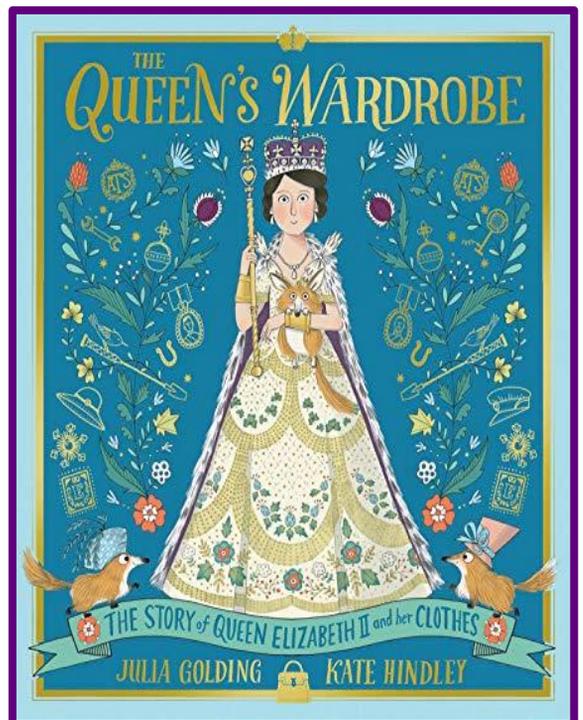
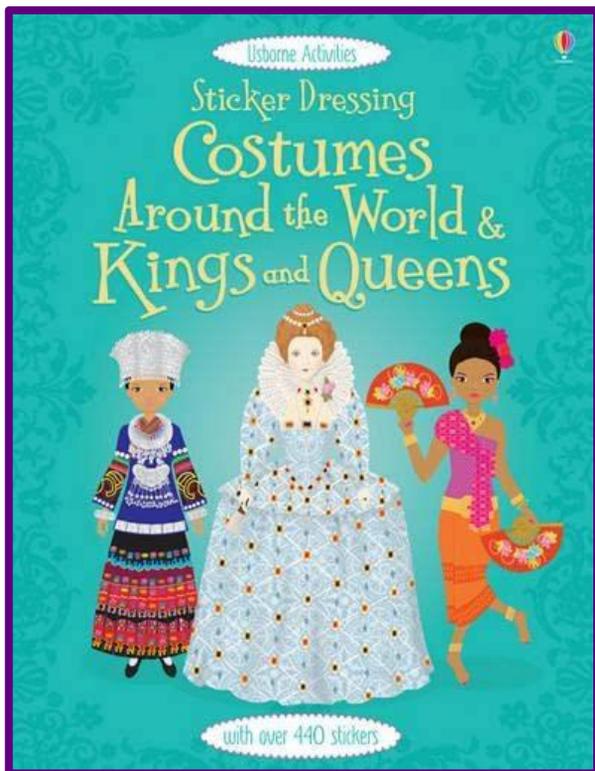
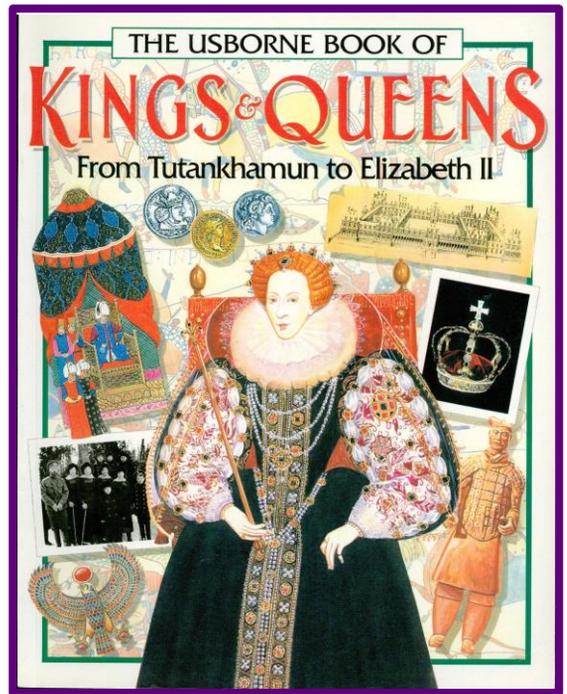
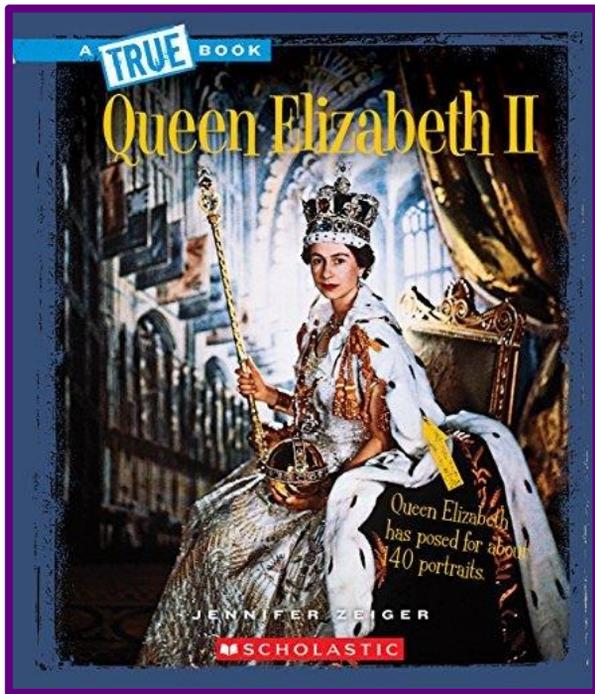
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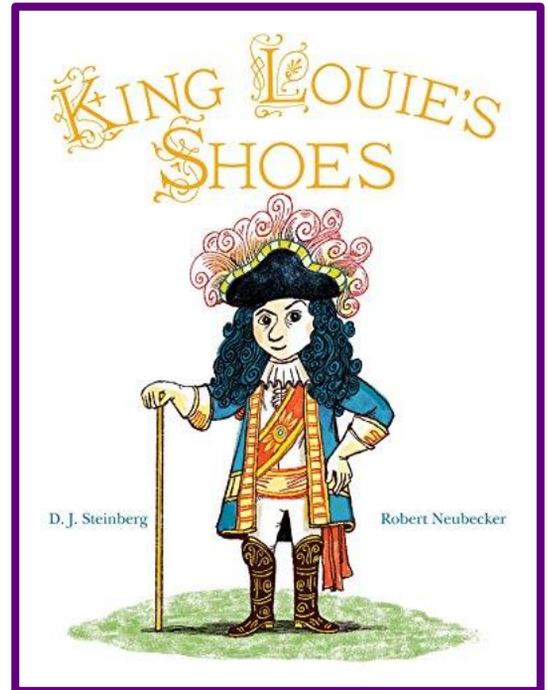
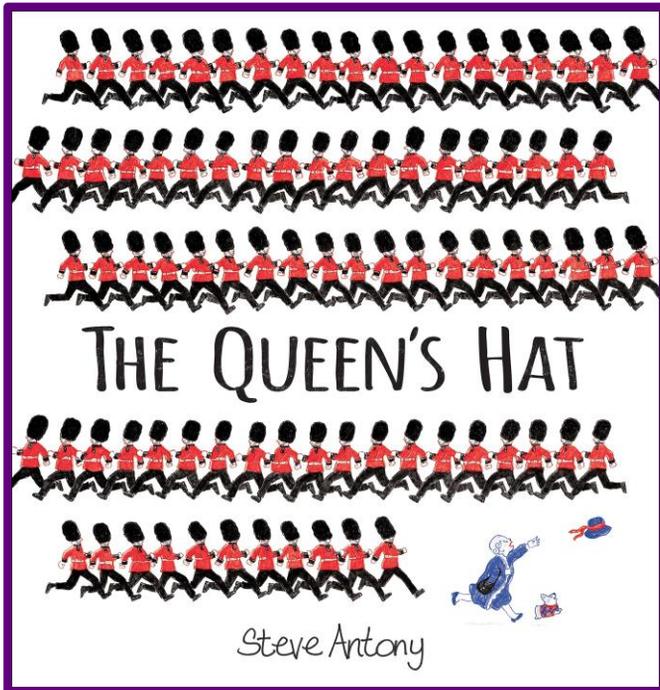
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**KING/PRINCE**

# BOOKS TO READ



## MORE BOOKS TO READ



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