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As the world prepares for the official inquest into her death, *The Way We Were* marks an intense period of reflection by ensuring the spirit, warmth and character of the person at the centre of proceedings is not lost or obscured.

In this remarkable and intimate book, Paul Burrell opens the door to Kensington Palace to provide a unique, visual tour. With previously unseen interior photographs, the reader is led inside the world of Princess Diana—room-by-room, memory-by-memory.

He paints a faithful and poignant tribute in remembrance of 'the boss' as the person who shared her private world and knew her best. In this fascinating new account, he allows the reader to feel 'at home with Diana', sharing her inner-most feelings, hopes and philosophies that teach us more about her mind and the way she thought.

We learn of her amusing Hollywood relationships, the true depth of her happiness with 'The One'; the amazing story that illustrates her compassion; her sisterhood with Sarah Ferguson—and the desperate attempts to heal their rift; and a never-before-told account that provides new evidence about the real nature of her relationship with Dodi Al Fayed.

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The Way We Were reflects, remembers and celebrates the late Diana, Princess of Wales, and captures her vivacity and love of life as we move towards the tenth anniversary of her death in 2007.

In his twenty-one years of royal duty, Paul Burrell first served Her Majesty the Queen as personal footman from 1976 to 1987 when he moved to Highgrove to become butler to the Prince and Princess of Wales. It was in 1992, following the

couple's separation, that he moved to Kensington palace at the personal request of Princess Diana.

Following her death, he was honoured by the Queen with the Royal Victorian Medal for his loyalty and service to Diana, Princess of Wales. He then spearheaded a fundraising campaign for her official memorial fund that raised £100 million.

Since then, Paul has become a bestselling author and television personality. His earlier book, *A Royal Duty*, sold two million copies worldwide and was a number one *New York Times* bestseller.

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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

Princess Diana's butler presents his second book of recollections on the famous royal whose life fascinated the media and whose death bereaved countless strangers. Though early pages are forebodingly plain, Burrell moves from a self-conscious chronicle of the princess (and her friend the butler) to sincere, heartfelt reportage of Diana's bravery as she soldiers through life post-royal divorce and finds a new life's mission helping the helpless across the world. More to the point, Burrell gets dishy: one bittersweet chapter tells of the modest and brilliant heart surgeon whom Burrell insists was Diana's true love, while another examines the complex relationship between the princess and Fergie, the Duchess of York, with asides on the Queen Mother, the Queen and Charles. Much is made of Diana's love for her sons and her search for truths to live by, which Burrell believes propelled her to "an emotional coming-of-age" before the end of her brief life. Though there's nothing particularly revelatory here, Burrell's heavily-covered subject matter benefits from his obvious and genuine affection ("She was real. She was breathtakingly so, and it was the one quality that hit people between the eyes more than any other when they met her"), making this an endearing, if perhaps superfluous, testament.

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Paul is married to Maria, and the couple live in Cheshire. They have two sons, Alexander and Nicholas.

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