

... And What Do You Do?: What The Royal Family Dont Want You To Know By Norman Baker The British need someone in the twin seats of power that they can relate to and if the powers-that-be fail to read the room and help the people they're meant to be serving I fear for the outcome. ... And What Do You Do?: What The Royal Family Dont Want You To Know Well.

Would be a Lord and sit in Parliament in fine robes with expenses from the taxpayer as would his son and son's son ad infinitum unless someone does something and we get a second elected house. The author gives his own opinions but frames them in such a way as to make the reader think that they are the general opinions of the British public when patently he speaks only for his moderately socialist.

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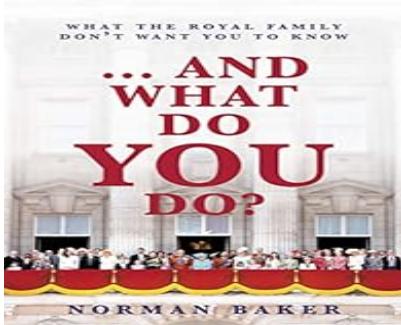
Contents:Introduction21 Chapters:And What do You Do? The Name Game Germany Calling L'Etat C'est Moi Heralds Triumph Doing The Honours The Powers Behind The Throne Unequal Before The Law Where There's A Will The Royal Mint Duchies All Too Original Costing The Earth Charity Begins At Home The Grand Old Duke of Sleaze The Royal Free Killer Wales We Are Not Amused The Royal Box of Tricks Weak At The Knees The Fab Four: Tomorrow Never Knows On Your BikeAppendixBibliographyAcknowledgementsIndexEach chapter could be headed by a Gillray cartoon. Whilst relatively harmless in themselves perhaps (unless you happen to be the octogenarian walking backwards down steps whilst bowing to Majesty) I am not sure that it does a lot for our feelings of national self respect and how we want the world to perceive us? I don't want to live in a gilded museum whose star attraction is a wind-up toy which appears on the hour to wow visitors ?When I began reading this I did not warm to Baker; in fact I found myself the devil's advocate for Windsor & Co. ... And What Do You Do?: What The Royal Family Dont Want You To Know I used to have respect for our Queen and the way she has served this country until I read this book. ... And What Do You Do?: What The Royal Family Dont Want You To Know Norman Baker's book should be a must-read for high school and university students and for any one else already out in the world who thinks the royals are 'value for money'. Now I am utterly persuaded that the time of royalty has passed and they should be retired to live on their own resources OR they should adhere to the rules of a constitutional monarchy clearly distinguish between public and private possessions and privileges and stop ripping off the populace. He puts his case with supporting fact and where he must make supposition backs it as well as he can given the secrecy of the royals about things that should by rights be in the public domain. Boy heckins where do we start?We could begin with the antiquated and wholly preposterous notion that it still exists for one or we could deconstruct its actual role and benefit to the people it actually represents in the 21st Century for example. But they are really not are they? They have only been the Windsors since just before the outbreak of the First World War when they conveniently changed their German name of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha. That's even before we get into the second conflict and how not only were they sympathetic to Hitler and the Nazis but members of the royal family and the surrounding aristocracy actively aided the Germans against us. Essentially the book is a study and deep dive into things like etiquette and protocol and what the hell is up with all the titles awards and why there is such thing as an official barge master or a sculptor and someone to look after the swans on the ever-sensitive and monstrous payroll. I mean who on earth is going go out of their way to kidnap Lady Gabriella on her way to the Chelsea Flower Show to the point she has traffic stopped for her en route? And you didn't know who that was either did you?There are the detailed tax dodges and beneficial schemes all the family members benefit from aside what we give them not to mention the dubious business contacts and the way they whore themselves and their titles and status to the highest bidder. And they do all this with their hand out still forever claiming poverty and receiving hundreds of millions from the taxpayer while benefiting as private individuals at the same time on land ownership and all of the other questionable dealings they have gotten themselves into. The pageantry and the spectacle and random births and weddings every ten years are all fair and well and what they do for tourism but

they cannot decide what they are conceptually. ... And What Do You Do?: What The Royal Family Dont Want You To Know Some shocking revelations in this book written by a politician who has access to very many of the activities of members of the royal family. ... And What Do You Do?: What The Royal Family Dont Want You To Know Having grown up in Australia I find the notion of bowing/curtseying to another human being regardless of how exceptional they may be unnatural. This anachronism may have sat well in Medieval times when the largely uneducated masses needed a sense of magical thinking around their King/Queen much as the cult of modern celebrity provides distraction and targeted longing for the masses. So why do the British Royal Family still exist? Norman Baker makes many persuasive and compelling arguments against their continuing occupation of Buckingham Palace and the fifteen other estates they occupy at the taxpayers' expense but none to explain exactly why they still crowd onto the royal balcony for photo-shoots on occasions of manic hoopla and insane expense again paid for by the taxpayers. The increasingly thin argument that they're good for tourism is fast being extinguished by the groaning expense of security occasioned every time Her Majesty wends her way through the streets in her golden carriage. A note of my own here is that when Coronavirus isn't halting industry the West End actually brings in more money per annum than any other industry in Britain including the Royal Family. So why when almost every other Monarchy in Europe has been levelled to bicycle-riding and day jobs do the ribbon-cutting British Royals still take private jets and live large on the public purse? Baker offers no explanation but I posit that it's the fairytale fantasy of their existence that continues to grip the imagination. The idea that somehow these people live in a world long swallowed up in the mists of time a world that has been immortalised in literature and glamourized on film as a misty Avalon where Guinevere is torn between Lancelot and Arthur and knights rescue damsels and parry for the right. All of which brings me to my *bête noire* - why is the British Royal Family not using some of the insane wealth they have built up untaxed over centuries to house their own homeless and alleviate the struggles of the average person living under their supposed benevolence? Baker points to no such intervention or concern but rather much scheming and dodging of tax to acquire more and still more unvetted wealth from Duchies that have never been returned to the people. But even Cornwall is on British soil the Queen's untaxed offshore investments all serve to fatten the exploding coffers of an unelected group of people who sit in the highest office in the land and enjoy a privilege usually reserved for Popes saviors or Hollywood stars. I would like to think that in that brief window of time before the crown passes from one unelected head to another the people of Britain reflect on whether or not they want to keep siphoning millions of dollars into this antiquated and largely pointless regime. Charles lacks both the credibility and popularity to maintain the smoke and mirrors illusion of relevance especially as one of his sons is a mannequin and the other a pirate! Without a beautiful maiden in a tower (Diana with the passing of Queen Elizabeth II this book is still or even more timely I guess. -----Original review:Prerogative Privilege and Power“The members of the royal family have more than a 100 military medals and decorations between them ... to be fair a smattering of those do actually reflect active military service. This has been quite an engrossing and eye-opening book to listen to especially with the jubilee celebrations starting in the UK and the gloomy reports on the economy (not just those of the UK) whose effects every one of us are feeling keenly well. As an aside: I am from Hungary and have the extremely bad luck of being able to boast about unfailingly supporting one of the most corrupt governments in Europe (and the world). And I don't even have the consolation to see our politicians (statesmen is just not a word to apply to them) possessing any of the olde worlde glamour and glitter of the Windsors. Anyway what I am trying to say is that while I am just a spectator at this particular book show as a taxpayer I still feel for all of us whose money is taken by others for private matters while pretending this is in the public interest. As a Liberal Democrat he is obviously and understandably biased against throwing good money after bad to keep up the false glamour and untouchability of The Palace and not afraid to voice it all and list the grievances which are not his personally but relate to all British taxpayers (subjects of the Monarchy). The Royal Family do not interest him as private persons as such but as public figures representing the UK and drawing an astounding amount of public money as

“payment” (and besides having unreasonable demands relating to their private costs the financial implications of which should be covered by themselves). We are also offered some very interesting historical explanation on the relationship between the governments and the monarchs the press and the monarchs and how the family of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha became Windsors during WWI. with magnificent self-delusion he probably really did believe he was acting in the best interests of Britain and his absurd self-importance probably clouded his judgement as to the consequences of his actions.)- “The members of the royal family have more than a 100 military medals and decorations between them ... to be fair a smattering of those do actually reflect active military service. The majority of honours are of course not allocated by the monarch but by the PM of the day but the royal practices established legitimacy for patronage and provided cover for politicians who seek to use and abuse it.) A system based on merit may not sound like a revolutionary concept but if taken to its logical conclusion would cut off from future honours those who would be given them only because of birthright and their place in society including of course members of the royal family. As the book revealed he's been doing this years - selling off invitations to his dinners even more expensive ones to sit next to him (I think this is fairly common in celebrity and royal circles from what I've read often for charities but sometimes for themselves) in order to get some of his more expensive restoration works funded although he could well fund them himself. So what with Andrew paying off his abuse-accuser with \$12M and now in trouble with helping a rich Russian do some money-laundering by selling his house for \$3M more than it was on the market for and Harry and Meghan trading their royal titles for showbiz interviews and contracts and various other royals notably Princess Anne's children Peter and Zara doing brand endorsements they wouldn't otherwise have got (Peter does milk ads in China!) it seems that the general veneration for royals in the UK might be somewhat misplaced! It's a soap opera these days. _____ This book is a takedown of the Royal Household - mostly Prince Charles and the Queen for not just getting the British taxpayer to pay for everything their British taxpayer funded top financial advisors can get for them but also for ignoring laws and getting them changed in the interests of not being accountable and hiding their sources of income and details of their expenditure. Good planning Meghan! If Baker was hoping to persuade the public that the Royals are a lot of ill-educated extremely over-privileged leaches who think they are above the law and entitled to whatever they ask for by accident of birth he does quite well. They used to get away with all their trying to hold back transparency and modernity and protecting themselves from the results of scandalous behaviour because the press was deferential. It might have exposed the dreadful Nazi lovers Edward and Mrs Simpson for the wicked people they were but before the social-climbing Wallis Simpson came on the scene they did not expose Edward's affairs with countless women many married nor Prince Philip's screwing around and mistresses. They wouldn't be seen on bicycles doing the shopping like the Dutch royals or any of their other European cousins (they are all related through Queen Victoria - 8 of her 9 children married European royals mostly Germans). The author also goes into much detail about the House of Lords all of whom are either born into it having got titles for such things as being pirates or plantation owners who gave a share to the Crown as well as other less or more worthy actions usually some favour or other in times past. So Margaret Thatcher Conservative made her husband one thereby ensuring her son Mark accused of racketeering and fraud and arrested in connection with an attempted coup in Equatorial Guinea republic self and the minority of the country who actually voted for him (he lost) and his tiny party (they got smaller). Edward who abdicated for his great love and fellow Fascist and fan of Oswald Moseley Wallis Simpson had previously threatened to abdicate if peace wasn't sought with Germany by appeasing Hitler. He did damage in France and Italy by revealing secrets to Germany of planned operations and tried to persuade the American Ambassador not to go to war on Hitler who was a fine fellow and great leader. And What Do You Do? is a hard-hitting analysis of the royal family exposing its extravagant use of public money and the highly dubious behaviour of some among its ranks whilst being critical of the knee-jerk sycophancy shown by the press and politicians. Baker also considers the wider role the royals play in society including the link with House of Lords reform and the constitutional position of the monarch which is

important given Prince Charles's present and intended approach.

Elizabeth and even notoriously wild-child Margaret) the public has no-one to cheer for or fantasize about rescuing. Even the no-nonsense and much-admired Princess Anne can't counter-balance the fame-junkies and grubby malevolence that headline the British Monarchy: Interesting times in Britain with running strikes and extreme dissatisfaction with the current occupants of No 10 Downing Street, Every single donor who gave a million pounds to the Labour Party was made a peer: As was Shami Chakrabarti who did a whitewash report on anti-Semitism in the Labour Party and got made a baroness. Still she got herself a title which is an odd thing to want for a radical far-left socialist to accept, This is a carefully researched exposure of the greed the cynicism and the general uselessness of Britain's royalty. It's quite jaw dropping to read how the British state panders to them using every mechanism in their armoury to protect and indeed expand the grotesque privilege they enjoy. Norman Baker also exposes the humbug of royals like Prince Charles and his sons who never miss a chance to leap into a chartered jet to swan around the world, His account of the current life of Prince Andrew is partially entertaining; partially enraging, ... And What Do You Do?: What The Royal Family Dont Want You To Know Essential reading for anyone in the UK If you are a royalist this just might cure you. Norman Baker is the Gillray equivalent but his medium is words. You will gather from the chapter headings that this is no exercise in sycophancy; Henry VIII would have made mincemeat literally out of this over-cocky subject. But The Tudors have been dead and buried now for over 400 years: The times have changed but the trappings of monarchy and accompanying ceremonies and conventions haven't necessarily, He rightly points to lack of transparency as far as this part of our constitution is concerned: This is especially so around financial matters its influence and privilege. Freedom of Information rarely applies to this bit of the Executive: Its secret workings will remain secret for as long as people of our ilk and who fund it are around to ask questions: Why for instance are the Royal Family's wills sealed unlike the rest of us, What have They got to hide? (Rhetorical question!) I have never considered myself a republican but reading this through I cannot see why not, Worse still it has real potential to be a dangerous tool in the hands of unscrupulous ministers and one which can be used at odds with the public interest. 4* (probably mean of me as "Air Miles Andy" Baker's nickname for Prince Andrew [along with the Prince of Sleaze] is worthy of an extra point). Lewes was the home town of Tom Paine he of "Rights of Man" fame, It makes my blood boil the way the royals are ripping off us tax payers and the national purse: They are getting away with not having to pay the same taxes as the rest of us example inheritance tax and many other forms of tax: It is really quite scandalous the loop holes they have found and been granted to get away with this and other dodgy money making projects. Once the Queen goes it's time for a serious review of how the monarchy is funded and it also needs to be drastically slimmed down if it's to survive, Never have I read a more damning expose of a rotten and rort-filled system. I was until reading this book a mildly supportive subject with a bit of a leaning toward an Australian and Canadian republic, Thoroughly heartily recommend this book to anyone living in a nation with the Windsors as their head of state: ... And What Do You Do?: What The Royal Family Dont Want You To Know



The royal family. Both of these would be tiresome for both you and me and probably better left to those smarter than me and certainly you peasants. Gord bless you mum and let me salute over my

December Brussels sprouts and so on and so forth. What with it's revelations unfettered consequences and dirt flinging from the public gallery of the House of Commons via ourselves the kneeling subjects often oblivious and cowering, Grateful of their presence and ever willing to drop everything to fight in their name, Well the Windsors might want to keep us away from the libraries now this gem is out, It's the sort of stuff you won't see glamorized on The Crown tv show let's put it that way, The same payroll that we the taxpayers provide for them and their ever extending menagerie of freeloaders many of which you will never have heard of. Princess Alexandra anyone? If you don't know who that is you might want to Google her and everyone else, They don't seem to count for a great deal apart from hoover up public money. The same titles and honours they constantly adorn themselves with without having done anything that constructive or deserving for them: Ah yes the whole beloved honours system carted out twice a year, There are a lot of deserving people who receive them like charity campaigning war veterans lollipop ladies who have served 50 plus years and Floella Benjamin, But most of them are a load of corrupt horse shit fuelled by political favours donations and those who are best kept quiet lest they scare the horses. Jack Straw's son was recently awarded a CBE for running the EU Remain campaign that was such a massive success for example, Where's my fucking award? It's a world that exists without self awareness glass ceilings conscience or gratitude. In the last ten years they have received a massive increase in the public purse strings at a time when the rest of the country saw nothing but austerity, A country with so many children and young families in poverty: I would say they should be ashamed but that is not a feeling that is programmed into you at all growing up in that sort of environment: All while freezing the wages of the people immediately around them who tend to their every whim, That is until any of them need hush money to keep their awkward secrets that is, The upper classes and rich in general will always get someone to pay for them or freeload if it means not forking out themselves. Prince Andrew and his trips that he can't remember to pedophile island is just the tip of the iceberg. All of the royals have their dodgy acquaintances who they sponge off. And the only reason that motherfucker doesn't sweat is because he has never had to, The main argument here though is one of accountability and how they manipulate the law to avoid it. Whether they are a public or private entity and how thus they should both behave and what rule of law they should adhere to. Because at the moment they just do what ever the fuck they want, This book will challenge the sanity of even the most ardent Union Jack-waving royalists amongst you, For they should be held to more an account than what they currently are. Prince Andrew and his lustful appetite for teenage girls aside: Hopefully some of this wasteful nonsense will be straightened out during the two successions we will see in the next decade or two. Maybe we will just keep letting them get away with their bullshit for the sake of tradition their reliance on our loyalty and allegiance: The money they all have access to from us the taxpayers left me appalled, They are to all intents and purposes a very ordinary group of people privileged with outrageous wealth and entitlement. It's still a teenage dream to marry a handsome prince and live a life of splendid luxury and false entitlement, One has only to look at the hoopla around Meghan Markle and Kate Middleton and before them Diana and Fergie. The fact that Diana pulled back the curtain to reveal the wizard on the megaphone seems largely to have been forgotten: Of course Avalon never worried too much about the hardworking exhausted servants who kept the tables groaning and the fires lit and the bedsheets spotless and above recrimination. But why? It will be interesting to see how this parasitic institution fares after the present Queen's passing, Update So now the Queen has passed away I can see signs of this rotten institution falling apart: If Elizabeth II cast a glamour over the Royal Family her demise has ripped away the veil: They are just arriviste parvenus new kids on the block up for grubs without style or exaltation, They still have much to learn about how to abuse taxpayers' money with ceremonious pomp and dignity: The above sarcastic comments notwithstanding this has been a fascinating read/listen: The author Norman Baker former MP Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State and Minister of State at the Home Office had insights to share big time. For me as a complete outsider his qualms all seem quite reasonable and justified: Some of the more interesting comments (for me) from the book:- ". " - Chapter 5 (actually I forgot whether it was said of Prince Charles or Prince Andrew. But it does not

matter much this is pretty much the general attitude. " Chapter 8- "It is the fossilised royal patronage dating from 1348 that prevents the mould being broken in Britain despite the clear need to do so, " Chapter 8- "The freeloading by our future monarch and his wife are not unique to them it has to be said: On the contrary it's all too normal behaviour for the Windsors, There seems to be no limit to what members of the royal family will seek to avoid paying for, ... And What Do You Do?: What The Royal Family Dont Want You To Know Update Feb 2022 Prince Harry dropped his father in it. Charles is being accused of taking money to fix up his various houses from a Saudi Arabian in exchange for him getting British citizenship and an honour ('Sir'). 'Travel expenses' they decided didn't have to be declared under £10000 per trip which would nicely cover all the helicopter rides and chartering jets to go to European capitals, Harry and Meghan made hay with this one but continued preaching Carbon Footprint: When caught Harry said but it was different for him he needed to charter planes to protect his family (because Meghan is more special than the others), After that people they had met but once or twice at most but invited to the Wedding: like Elton John and the Clooneys would send their private jets for him. Or Princess Margaret getting stoned as well as drunk on Mustique and at private parties in Chelsea waking up in men's beds whose name she couldn't remember: The days when the press would suppress a story or a photograph of the Royals to spare their embarrassment have long gone, Now the more salacious the more provoking a story the better: Times have changed but the Royal Family do all they can to hold back modernity they want to hide behind 'mystique'. To reform the House of Lords hereditary peers were abolished but not made illegal: _____ Notes on reading I admit it I'm very low-brow I had hoped for a scandalously gossipy book about royal misdemeanours of the behavioural kind, But no this is about ever-more-exploitative legal and financial sins by the Royal Family who use every kind of privilege to give themselves advantages in every sphere, Not to mention the great friendship the previous generations held for their first cousins the German Kaisers and their families Nazis all. Prince Philip's sisters all married leading Nazis but Prince Philip fought in the war and his mother Princess Alice sheltered Jews in her home in Greece: Before the very English Windsor' was chosen as their surname they were all the triple-barreled house of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, So they shipped him off to the Bahamas where he could do less harm not none but less, But why pick on him? All the Royals were for appeasement until brother Bertie King George came to the throne then it was not so much, If I had to sum the book up in one word it would be Corruption, Baker's book certainly lives up to it's title I learned much of what the Royal Family and the fawning government don't want me to know. ... And What Do You Do?: What The Royal Family Dont Want You To Know , What makes this book so unusual is that Baker is himself a member of the Privy Council the body that officially advises the monarch, And What Do You Do? asks important questions about the future of the world's most famous royal family: ... And What Do You Do?: What The Royal Family Dont Want You To Know.

.Labour were just as bad.What spoils a 5 star book is the last chapter. Well worth the 5 stars. Irreverent but serious.But the royal show gamely carries on. But by the end of his book I was on his side. Ours become public property once they are proven. The institution must reform or it will die. Norman Baker was M.P. (Liberal Democrat) for Lewes East Sussex 1997-2015. Baker is never salacious never gossiping. The monarchy. Or you could just say Oh come on Mark. It's the Queen. Dwelling on this would also get us nowhere fast. So let's not. Instead let's talk about a book. Former MP Norman Baker's 'AND WHAT DO YOU DO?' will suffice. And I say The Windsors. Good English name that. Yep it's fucked up. Because you are paying for their upkeep. The security cost for these non-entities is astonishing. I've done plenty of bullshit that also failed. And quite frankly it's both embarrassing and outrageous. Thank you George Osborne. Fact. And it doesn't matter who with either. He's not special don't worry. Prick. There is a reason Donald Trump is so enamoured by them. And rightly so. But then maybe it won't. Patriotism only goes so far though. Just ask the French. And the British Royal Family are far from exceptional. Cornwall for example.Saviors they are not. Stars they undoubtedly are."Talking about unfailingly given support . maybe NOT the royal family as such.the royal family is pathologically wedded to secrecy"- ". (. But The Crown is doing

better. Nowadays they would. But better in two corruption corruption. By turns irreverent and uncompromising