

The Royal Scrapbook

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Robert Opie : The Royal Scrapbook before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Royal Scrapbook:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Diamond Jubilee By K. Freeman I love this scrapbook...lots of royal memorabilia that appeals to the historian as well as the Anglophile. Lots of visual stimulation to ponder!! Great purchase! 6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. An everyday history of Royal folk. By Robin Americans, living as they do in a republic, seem to have an ongoing fascination with the British monarchy, a small elite of non-elected leaders who indulge a life of privilege and affluence and in Robert Opie's super book you can follow the history of the Royals from Victorian times to the recent Queen's Golden Jubilee. Although the book only has sixty-two

pages it opens up to spreads twenty-one by fifteen inches and there are over 1,500 items to look at. Opie's Scrapbooks (there are eight others) all follow the same style, each themed spread is a collection of printed ephemera and related material, usually presented as one carefully arranged still-life photo with some text explaining the background to the items shown. For instance, the spread on Queen Elizabeth's 1953 Coronation has five magazine covers, postage stamps, a ball-point pen, seven candy packages, six children's books, a pack of playing cards, a London Transport subway map and several other items, they all have a reference to the Coronation printed on them. The events covered include coronations, weddings, jubilees, births and deaths and it does get a bit overwhelming with so much colourful material to look at but that is one of the joys of these books, you can keep coming back and discover something for the first time. If you want to see how the Royals are presented to the British public through everyday printed items you will enjoy Mr Opie's latest Scrapbook. ***FOR AN INSIDE LOOK click 'customer images' under the cover.

All the pomp and circumstance of over 100 years of royal events come together in this colourful and evocative Royal Scrapbook, which celebrates the coronations, weddings and jubilees over five reigns, beginning with Queen Victoria's Diamond jubilee and ending with a celebration of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's Golden Jubilee. Here are all the souvenirs, from badges and bunting to pencils and money boxes, which have captured the flavour of each memorable moment: souvenirs that have been treasured and handed down from one generation to the next. Included are not only the more enduring items: the commemorative flags, mugs, jigsaws and chocolate tins but also the ephemera, whether milk bottle tops, sweet wrappers or paper hats. Now for the first time, this Royal Scrapbook brings together over 1,000 images magnificently illustrating royal festive occasions, for us to relive either with wonder or nostalgia. Once again material from the Robert Opie collection illuminates the past in a remarkable way.

About the Author Since the 1970s, Robert Opie has amassed an unrivalled collection of packaging. He is the author of numerous publications and has given many talks to schools, as well as on radio and television.