

## George Children John Van Der Kiste - A Fascinating Tale of Royalty and Tragedy

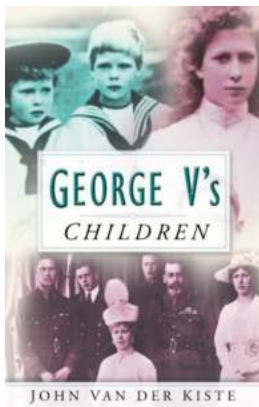


When it comes to the royal families, their history is often filled with intriguing stories and fascinating personalities. One such remarkable figure is George Children John Van Der Kiste, a lesser-known member of British royalty that has a

tale both extraordinary and tragic. Let's delve into his life and uncover the mysteries that surround him.

## The Early Years: Royal Beginnings

George Children John Van Der Kiste was born on June 12, 1905, in London, England, as the youngest son of King George V and Queen Mary. Being part of the prestigious Windsor family, he was destined to lead a life filled with privilege and responsibilities.



### George V's Children by John Van der Kiste (Kindle Edition)

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From a young age, George showed great potential. He was known for his intelligence, compassion, and artistic abilities. His siblings, Princess Victoria, Princess Maud, and Prince Albert, were equally adored by the public. The four siblings formed a close bond and were often seen at official royal events together.

## Challenges and Tragedy

However, George's life took a dramatic turn when he was diagnosed with epilepsy at the age of four. In the early 20th century, there was limited awareness and understanding of this condition, leading to immense societal stigma.

As a result, George was often hidden away from the public eye, kept separate from his siblings and the rest of the royal family. This isolation led to a deep sense of loneliness and sadness in his life.

Despite the challenges he faced, George's love for music and art flourished. He found solace in his creative pursuits and developed a talent for playing the piano and painting. However, his joy was often overshadowed by his health struggles.

## **The Forgotten Prince**

George's condition worsened over time, leading to frequent seizures and impairments. His mental and physical health declined, and he eventually became entirely dependent on the care provided by his family and medical professionals.

Tragically, as George's siblings grew up and pursued their own royal duties, he was gradually forgotten by the public and the media. The focus shifted away from him, leaving him in obscurity. His existence became a mere footnote in the history of the British royal family.

## **Legacy and Remembrance**

Although George's life was marked by tragedy, it is essential to remember the strength and resilience he exhibited throughout his struggles. His love for art and music serves as a powerful reminder of human determination and spirit.

Today, historians and researchers have started shedding light on George's life, aiming to bring his story out of the shadows. His artwork and musical compositions have been rediscovered and preserved, serving as a testament to his talent and creativity.

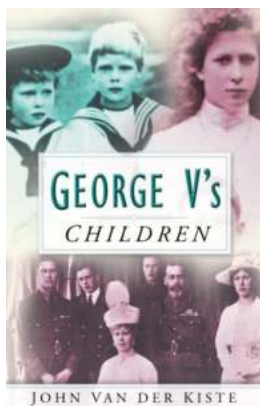
By exploring George's life, we gain a deeper understanding of the challenges faced by individuals with epilepsy in the early 20th century. His story serves as a

reminder of the progress made in healthcare and societal attitudes towards health conditions since then.

## In

George Children John Van Der Kiste's life is a compelling tale of royalty, tragedy, and resilience. His struggle with epilepsy and subsequent isolation is a poignant reminder of the importance of compassion and understanding towards individuals facing health challenges.

We must not forget the forgotten prince but rather honor his memory and recognize his artistic contributions to the world. George's story acts as a bridge, connecting the past with the present and reminding us of the continuous evolution of our society.



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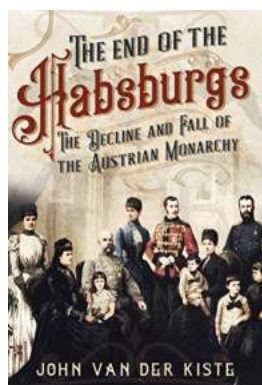
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The six children of King George V and Queen Mary all lived to maturity except the youngest, Prince John. The eldest, who was Prince of Wales and heir to the throne, reigned as King Edward VIII for less than a year. His infamous romance with Mrs Simpson plunged the country into the abdication crisis and led both of them into a long period of exile. King George VI, who reluctantly and

unexpectedly ascended to the throne, was a shy man, handicapped by a speech impediment and a sense of his own inadequacy. However, together with his Consort, Queen Elizabeth, and the Prime Minister, Winston Churchill, he gave the nation spirited guidance throughout World War II. Both surviving younger brothers served in the armed forces during war-time. Henry, Duke of Gloucester, was Governor General of Australia from 1944-6 and crowned his military career with promotion to the rank of Field-Marshal. George, Duke of Kent, an officer in the RAF, was tragically killed on active service in 1942. The only sister, Mary, Princess Royal, worked both as a nurse, and a royal ambassador abroad. This book tells the story of the family.



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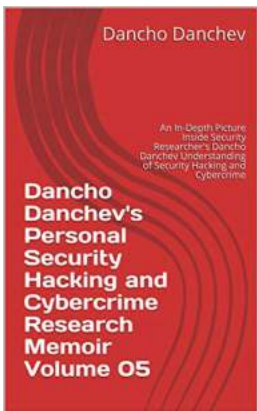
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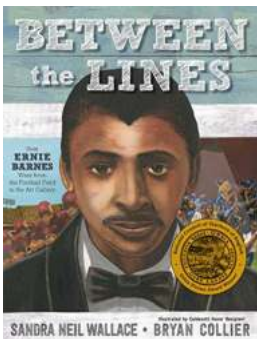
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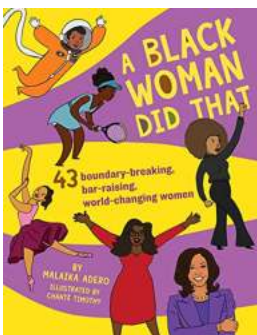
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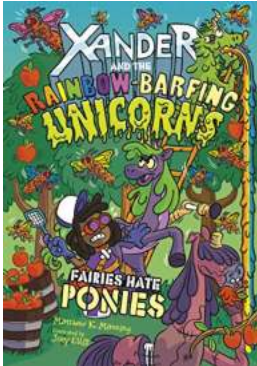
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