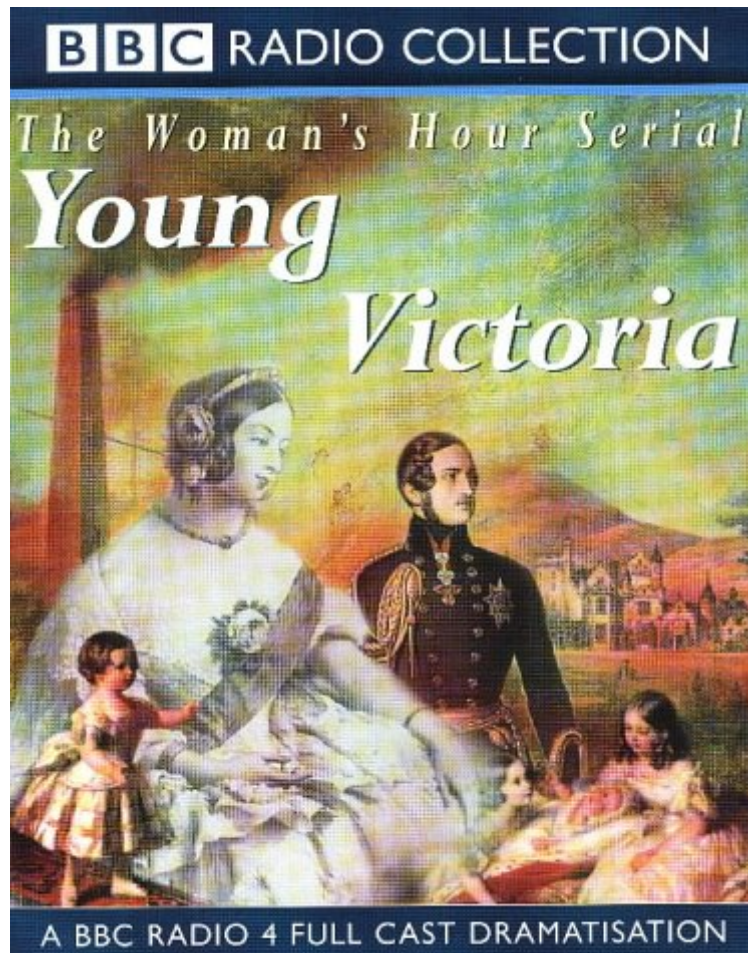


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mother's adviser had made up. Sir Conroy as well as her mother had been pressuring Victoria to sign a regency, which means that someone else would rule the kingdom until the heir turns a certain age, it was because of Victoria's character and her uncle's advice that she refused to sign it. Less than a month after Victoria turned 18, King William IV died at 71. As Victoria later writes in her diary "I was awoke at 6 o'clock by Mamma, who told me the Archbishop of Canterbury and Lord Conyngham were here and wished to see me. Lord Conyngham then acquainted me that my poor Uncle, the King, was no more, and had expired at 12 minutes past 2 this morning, and consequently that I am Queen." Even before Victoria became the queen, many attempts to misadvise her were made. Her mother and Sir Conroy are seen in the novel as the antagonists, trying to get Victoria to sign a regency so that they could rule the kingdom. Due to the experience she had with the people closer to her, Victoria learned to trust very few people and to rely on her own instincts. While she was still a princess, Victoria's most loyal adviser was his uncle the king, he and Victoria's mother were in constant battle over Victoria's future. When she became queen, Lord Melbourne was his most loyal advisor. The queen happily married Albert his cousin "How do I adore him!...How happy I am to think that he is really mine." Albert not only became Victoria's husband but also his most trusted person. Lord Melbourne as Victoria's advisor appointed her ladies who had connections with him. When Melbourne's political party lost, the kingdom was at risk because Victoria disliked the results of the election and didn't change any of her ladies which were Melbourne's good friends. Due to her political party preferences, Victoria went through seven assassination attempts, one during her first pregnancy. Victoria and Albert had nine children. When Queen Victoria met Albert, she was fascinated about how much he knew about poverty in the U.K. His passion made the couple support helping the poor and Albert even designed and strategical housing for the workers and their families. Victoria was a great supporter of peace and reconciliation. In 1864, she pressed the minister to not interfere with the Prussia-Austria-Denmark war. Also in 1875, she helped prevent the second Franco-German war. Victoria's reign occurred during the great age of industrial expansion. Due to the transport improvements she was able to travel more rapidly. She was the first monarch to ever use trains. Other technical developments were the spread of newspapers and the inventions of photography. The reader will highly enjoy reading Plowden's book. It contains many fragments of Victoria's diaries and letters, but most importantly the author makes you feel like you are reading her own diaries with the great descriptions she has written. The life of the person who has had the longest reign in British history is a very interesting one, from the young princess that she was until her life with Albert, "The Young Victoria" captures Queen Victoria's life in a way no other book has done before. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. An interesting take on Victoria's life By C. Martin Most biographies of Queen Victoria examine her whole life. This one focuses on the years before she became queen, with just a few chapters on her early rule. It's a valuable look at how the queen's childhood shaped her personality for good and for ill. The only drawback is that so much of her life was bound up with her husband, Albert the Good, as she called him, and he doesn't appear until late in the book.

"I delight in this work," wrote the young Victoria shortly after she became Queen. She was an engaging creature, high-spirited and eager to be 'amused.'" But her early years were difficult ones. Fatherless from the age of eight months, she was brought up at Kensington Palace in an atmosphere thick with family feuds, backbiting and jealousy the focus of conflicting ambitions. Though her uncle William IV was anxious to bring her into Court circles, her German mother and the calculating John Conroy were equally determined that she should remain under their control. The 'little Queen,' who succeeded to the throne a month after her 18th birthday, was greeted by a unanimous chorus of praise and admiration. She embraced the independence of her position and often forced her will on those around her. She met and married Albert, marking the end of her childhood and the beginning of a glorious legend.

"A story with the tensions and intrigues of a thriller." Publishers Weekly