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The most beloved figure in Hawaiian history, Crown Princess Ka'iulani was born to lead her people as queen, but instead helped them find an identity and a voice as Hawaiian Americans.

On March 1, 1893, Princess Ka'iulani, the seventeen-year-old crown princess of Hawaii, stepped onto the pier at New York City. She was greeted by a crowd of reporters and onlookers who knew that, in many ways, she stood at a crossroads in history.

This biography tells the fascinating—and little-known—story of Princess Ka'iulani's life and courageous fight for Hawaiian independence. Using many newly translated journals and letters, Sharon Linnea introduces young readers to the most beloved figure in Hawaiian history, and one of America's most overlooked Christian heroines.

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Kathleen Peterson says

I just finished this book before the series book and it was wonderful. It amazes me that the Hawaiian people have managed to survive so called civilization and the tragic story of this young girl touched my heart.

Julie says

I saw the movie and it sparked my interest in Princess Ka'iulani. The movie didn't do her justice (big surprise) and I learned what a beautifully true princess this young woman was. She showed nobility of spirit and a true heart that loved her people and cared about what happened to them-- like a true queen. I want my daughters to learn about her. Her life was so short but well lived with courage.

Suzannah says

Fascinating and readable biography of an overlooked historical heroine.

Betty says

A tremendous peak into the end of a monarchy & the annexation of US's 50th state due to political pressure from corporate greed. I guess nothing is new under the sun. Sanford Dole, of Dole Plantation fame, pressed until he got what he wanted - Hawaii.

What happened to Hawaii's last Princess was fascinating to me. I imagine it was nothing new either. But I had never read about anything like this before. I found it intriguing.

Heather Denigan says

Loved this book--I think I was fourteen or so when I read it--and was inspired to find out about this young woman, and a strong, beautiful, one at that, who was both an ambassador for her people and a Christian.

Cheryl says

Fun to read if you're in HI.

Alesia says

Heartbreaking little known history of the Hawai'ian Monarchy.

Rosalie says

I ordered this from the library, thinking that I was ordering the movie, I decided to read it anyway. It was really interesting. I knew some of this history, but not really in any detail. It covers the story of Ka'iulani, the last crown princess of Hawaii. She appeared to be a charming, educated and dedicated young royal for Hawaii. I just finished the White Rose about Evangelina Cisernos from Cuba during the Spanish American War. I didn't know much about that and didn't really remember how much the Spanish American War influenced the annexation of Hawaii by the United States.

I say over and over that I have learned so much about history by reading and reading things that I didn't even know I was going to learn anything from. Teach your children to read!!!! And teach them their history, it should figure into every political decision that they ever make.

Melanie Scott says

This book is well written and brings to life Princess Kaiulani with photos and personal letters. The history of how Hawaii became a state of America is also very interesting and describes the discrimination of the day of native people.

Leslie says

This is a very interesting biography about a fascinating person and time period, and taught me a little about the history of Hawaii. I would say the writing was not the best; it didn't read smoothly for me. It is a young adult book (I picked it up in the children's section at the library while looking for unique biographies for my 4th-6th graders' "Living Museum" project) but I don't know any children of that age range who would be interested in reading this book. Perhaps it would be appropriate for high school students. I won't be using it for teaching purposes in the future. I did enjoy it as an adult, however.

Barbara says

I loved reading about this amazing girl Princess. Well written. Just sorry to realize what a sad part we played in Hawaiian history. The Photos added to the book. Well done. Lovely cover. I now want to read Linnea's book "Raoul Wallenberg."

Mary says

I knew nothing of the history of the Hawaiian monarchy other than they had a queen at the end. This thoroughly readable book describes the monarchy, including its failings and covers the Princess's short life. She was born to a royal Hawaiian mother and Scottish father and destined to become Queen herself. After the shameful overthrow of the monarchy, the Princess worked tirelessly to prevent annexation to the US. However, her valiant efforts were in vain.

Those with an interest in Hawaiian history and US history will benefit from reading this book. Amazon lists it as suitable for ages 10 and up.

Claudette says

Great book about Princess Ka'iulani of Hawaii! Very informative on how Princess Ka'iulani fought for Hawaiian independence. I'm not the type of person to read a book over and over, once I'm done I'm done. But for some reason, I love reading this book over and over.

♥Meagan♥ says

Very very interesting biography of the last princess of Hawaii. Very well done. I did not realize that there was so much to the history of Hawaii.

Heidi Burkhart says

I first saw this book at the beach on the Big Island. I recorded the title and found it at the library when I returned home. What a terrific book about Hawaiian Royalty, and especially the beautiful and tragic story of Princess Ka'iulani. For anyone who is interested in Hawaiian history this is really helpful. The book was filled with many photographs which helped to tell the story.
