

**T**hough this is a book about the surging power and fame of the English-Hanover and Prussian Royal Families in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, it is much more. It is a story of the great private tragedies of many family members sacrificed along the road to glory, of the ruthless smashing up of illicit love affairs, of indestructible wills.

This manuscript covers in great detail two tragic love affairs, though many others are also mentioned.

Only one winner emerged from the bitter, ruthless power struggle played out within the northern German House of Brunswick-Lüneburg—George I of England-Hanover. The big loser, his wife Sophie Dorothea of Celle (1666-1726), was imprisoned for the last thirty-two years of her life. Her lover Count Philip Königsmark was murdered by George's family.

Just like her grandmother Sophie Dorothea of Celle, Princess Amalie of Prussia (1723-87), the youngest sister of Frederick the Great, also had a tragic, life shattering love affair. As a consequence her lover, Baron Frederick von der Trenck, sat for eleven years in her brother Frederick's gaols, chained up like a dog in a damp, dark cell.

Amalie became embittered and never married. Instead, she became a great musician. Her complete, intimate biography is included.

Trenck, a tearaway with immaculate aristocratic breeding, lost everything because he dared to love a Princess. He eventually died in the guillotine in the madness that was called the French Revolution. His remarkable biography is included.

For more information on these two love affairs please read the introductions to Books I and III respectively.

This is also a story of George I (1660-1727) of England and his grandson Frederick the Great (1712-1786) of Prussia, of their unquenchable lust for power, interlaced with an intimate look into their tragic private lives and those of their parents and nearest relatives.

Frederick quite rightly earned his esteemed title of 'the Great' through his military prowess. During the Seven Years' War (1756-63) his tiny kingdom of Prussia (3 million vassals) fought against France, Russia, Austria-Hungary, Sweden and Saxony (45 million vassals) and was NOT defeated!



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