



## BEYOND THE STORY

### **UK's renowned royal historian Dr David Starkey updates his digital book Kings and Queens to coincide with the royal birth**

History goes beyond the printed page with the release of the interactive app Kings and Queens, providing Dr Starkey's insights into royal childhood as the world waits for the birth of the first child of William and Catherine, The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge.

UK-based innovator of interactive eBooks BeyondTheStory is releasing Kings and Queens, based on Dr Starkey's book Crown and Country, in partnership with publisher HarperCollins.

Users can browse through timelines and enjoy Dr Starkey talking on themes surrounding the concept of royal childhood, from medieval times to speculation about the future. The app was first offered in 2011 when it featured live streaming video of the marriage of the Duke and Duchess.

BeyondtheStory CEO Jen Porter said Dr Starkey is a plain-speaking historian and that can stimulate debate. "There is no question that his books are immensely well-researched, and he is a fascinating commentator on the monarchy. We're giving users exclusive and lively insights from the most renowned royal historian with these new video clips."

Dr Starkey says that his readers love the app: "This technology not only brings to life 2000 years of Britain's monarchy but users can look to the future of the biggest event in the monarchy for new generations of Kings and Queens with the impending royal birth."

"BeyondtheStory's technology platform allows writers like me to add back in all the things we've had to level out to make the line of narrative for books and TV. I no longer have to take these decisions that involve sacrifice. Readers can arrive at the judgment for themselves," says Dr Starkey.

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