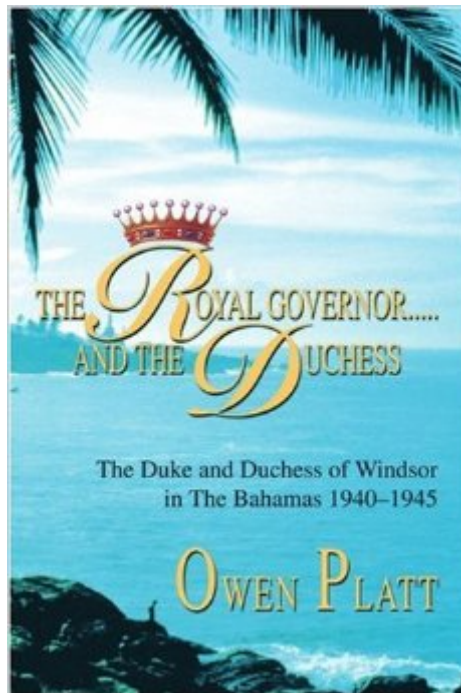


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Synopsis

At the outbreak of the Second World War in 1939, the British government, alarmed at the Duke and Duchess of Windsor's association with the Nazis and the possibility that they would remove themselves to the United States to preach their pacifist (and slightly pro-German) credo, decided that a job had to be found for the ex-King Edward VIII. and his wife, the American, Wallis Simpson. He was appointed Governor of The Bahamas, one of the smallest and least important possessions of the British Empire, far away from the scene of battle. Away from their sybaritic living in the south of France, the couple struggled unhappily with the very different lifestyle of minor colonial life. This story is of their successes and their failures during their last official service to The British-and of the only Royal Governor to have served in British colonial history. Owen Platt's recounting of their escapades in wartime Bahamas is a fascinating insight into a little known aspect of British history.

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This is a short, informative and very exciting book. It attracted my attention, and held it until all was read. Britain is a constitutional monarchy, and as such the King or Queen "rules" but does not govern. However, this monarchy especially during War times exerts powerful influence. In 1936, WWII was merely a bloody but distant conflict in China; yet nearby, a dangerous foe of freedom named Adolf Hitler was in control of a resurgent and ever more powerful Germany with ambitions to control all of Europe. There was no such thing as peace with such ravaging wolves as were the mad German leadership of the time; they merely swallowed whatever was offered, burped for a little

while, and come back for more. At that critical time an American woman, the to be Dutchess of Windsor, Mrs. Wallis Simpson--despite her apparent pro-German views --acted, perhaps unintentionally, against the Nazi's setting the scene that led at year's end to the abdication of her pacifist inclined royal lover Edward VIII. Edward had long carried out dalliances with experienced women, thus he could not have fallen so madly in love with any but by the most skilled of mistresses, and certainly Wallis was such. Edward by marrying "the woman he loved," allowed his younger, tougher brother to become King George VI. Thus a rational history of the times cannot ignore the important role the Dutchess sexuality played in this real life dramal find it so oddly strange that the Windsors, would spend WWII on the Bahamas Islands so near to Cuba, while my Cuban mother and us children would spend WWII in Britain. My family --as has far more recently become apparent through DNA analysis--were not as we pretended to be merely part Cuban of "European stock.

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