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From #1 *New York Times* bestselling author Julia Quinn and television pioneer Shonda Rhimes comes a powerful and romantic novel of *Bridgerton's* Queen Charlotte and King George III's great love story and how it sparked a societal shift, inspired by the original series *Queen Charlotte: A Bridgerton Story*, created by Shondaland for Netflix.

**QUEEN CHARLOTTE the novel is coming MAY 9, 2023!**



In December of 2020, amid a global pandemic that forced billions of people to isolate from one another, Shonda Rhimes brought the world together with the launch of the *Bridgerton* Netflix series—based on the bestselling novels penned by Julia Quinn. Over 82 million households tuned in, and fell in love with, Julia’s *Bridgerton* world; a universe that the romance reading community had already been obsessed with for decades. Three years and two TV seasons later, 5 million copies of *Bridgerton* books have been added to fans’ bookshelves and over 15 million copies of the books are in print in the United States alone. Globally the books have been translated into 40 languages.

Now, while longtime book enthusiasts and fans who’ve discovered the world of *Bridgerton* through the show eagerly await season three, the power duo has teamed up once again to expand the Bridgerton-verse. **QUEEN CHARLOTTE by Julia Quinn and Shonda Rhimes (publishing May 9)** is a thrilling collaboration between Shonda—whose cinematic style of storytelling imbues the narrative with a vibrant energy—and Julia’s intimate, emotionally resonant wordsmithing. And while inspired by the show, **QUEEN CHARLOTTE** the book is a fully realized novel that goes beyond the storyline of the series. The project excitingly gives folks a chance to not only dive deep into the characters heads, but to revel in the early romance between Princess Charlotte and King George III.

“Taking *Bridgerton* from book to screen was fascinating for me to watch, and it’s such an exciting challenge for me to take it in the other direction, this time crafting Shonda’s brilliant vision into a novel,” said Quinn. “I’m especially thrilled to have the opportunity to write about Queen Charlotte, who was not in the original novels. Her character—and Golda Rosheuvel’s brilliant portrayal of her— was a tour de force, and I think readers will love getting a chance to know her more deeply.”

“Queen Charlotte has been such a moving character to write and now having the opportunity to work with Julia to adapt this story into a book is such an exciting opportunity,” said Rhimes. “I can’t wait for fans of this universe to read the story of a character that has resonated so deeply with our audience.”

## **BEFORE THE BRIDGERTONS CAME THE LOVE STORY THAT CHANGED THE TON...**

*“We are one crown. His weight is mine, and mine is his...”*

In 1761, on a sunny day in September, a King and Queen met for the very first time. They were married within hours.

Born a German Princess, Charlotte of Mecklenburg-Strelitz was beautiful, headstrong, and fiercely intelligent... not precisely the attributes the British Court had been seeking in a spouse for the young King George III. But her fire and independence were exactly what she needed, because George had secrets... secrets with the potential to shake the very foundations of the monarchy.

Thrust into her new role as a royal, Charlotte must learn to navigate the intricate politics of the court... all the while guarding her heart, because she is falling in love with the King, even as he pushes her away. Above all she must learn to rule, and to understand that she has been given the power to remake society. She must fight—for herself, for her husband, and for all her new subjects who look to her for guidance and grace. For she will never be just Charlotte again. She must instead fulfill her destiny... as Queen.

**QUEEN CHARLOTTE** the novel will be the diamond of this season’s publishing offerings. A major pop culture moment not to be missed and perfect for Mother’s Day gifting, bookworms everywhere, and

converts from the *Bridgerton* Netflix series, **QUEEN CHARLOTTE** is destined to set everyone's tongues wagging as if Lady Whistledown herself had written it!



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#### **ABOUT JULIA QUINN**

#1 *New York Times* bestselling author Julia Quinn began writing one month after graduating from college and, aside from a brief stint in medical school, she has been tapping away at her keyboard ever since. Her novels have been translated into forty-three languages and are beloved the world over. A graduate of Harvard and Radcliffe Colleges, she lives with her family in the Pacific Northwest.



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#### **ABOUT SHONDA RHIMES**

Shonda Rhimes is an award-winning television creator, producer and author as well as the CEO of the global media company, Shondaland. In her career, Rhimes' work has been celebrated with numerous awards including induction into the Television Academy Hall of Fame. She has shifted the entertainment industry's business model and changed the face of television.

#### **ABOUT THE BOOK**

##### **QUEEN CHARLOTTE**

by Julia Quinn and Shonda Rhimes

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