

Sarah Ferguson
Duchess of York

An international personality, successful career woman and single working mother, Sarah Ferguson, the Duchess of York, is an inspiring role model whose extraordinary life is a testament to the powers of faith, resolve and resiliency. Against the backdrop of celebrity and privilege, Ferguson speaks candidly about her perils on the world stage and about her journey from near-ruin to reinvention and redemption.

Ferguson is the second daughter of the late Major Ronald Ferguson and the late Mrs. Hector Barrantes. Born in London in 1959, Ferguson married Prince Andrew, second son of Her Majesty The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh, at Westminster Abbey on July 23, 1986. The Duke and Duchess have two daughters, Princess Beatrice Elizabeth Mary of York, 23, and Princess Eugenie Victoria Helena of York, 21.

Prior to her marriage to Prince Andrew, Ferguson graduated from London's Queen's Secretarial College and was employed by a public relations firm, an art gallery and a publishing company. The Duchess has, and continues to enjoy a diverse and successful international career. She is deeply committed to charitable and humanitarian work on a global scale.

Ferguson has written a number of historical books on Queen Victoria, five books for Weight Watchers, several books on "The Adventures of Amanda," and a beloved children's book series featuring *Budgie the Helicopter* and the adventures of *Little Red*, the red-haired rag doll she designed. She also released an autobiography, *My Story* in 1996.

In addition to writing, The Duchess is an avid amateur photographer and watercolorist. A photographic book of her images has been published in the UK to great acclaim. She also acted as a spokeswoman for Weight Watchers in the 1990s, appearing in a string of commercials for the weight-management specialists.

The Duchess periodically works in television broadcasting as well, having served as a special correspondent to NBC's *The Today Show*, guest host for CNN's *Larry King* and presenter for numerous documentaries and specials.