

## Diana, Princess of Wales

by Mario Testino  
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### BOOK REVIEW

These photographs were taken by Peruvian-born Mario Testino during his last portrait session with Princess Diana, five months before her death in 1997. Reputed to be Diana's favourite photographer, Testino, now based in London, is famous for his fashion and celebrity portraiture. He regularly takes on assignments for *Vanity Fair*, *American*, *British*, *French* and *Italian Vogue* and *GQ*. His work has also been exhibited in the National Portrait Gallery and the V&A Museum in London.

These photographs have a fresh and uninhibited feel to them that is not often associated with the royal family. They clearly show that Testino created a relaxed and informal atmosphere during his photo shoots, which is the essence of good portraiture. I am pleased to see the creative use of movement, blur and focus, and in some cases this works well with Testino's images. However, I suspect that in other pictures it is not by design.

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