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## QUEEN ELIZABETH 1926-2022



Seventy years, four children, eight grandchildren, fifteen prime ministers, and thirty corgis. The nation's mourning ended with Elizabeth II's spectacular and solemn funeral earlier this week.

With a dynasty rivalled perhaps only by that of her matriarch dog, Susan, who began a great line of beloved corgis, the Queen leaves some impressive feats behind her. There are, however, some lesser-known facts that underlie the Queen's most famous achievements, providing us some unique insight on the more personal life of Britain's longest reigning monarch.

The late Queen, over her 70-year reign, carried out more than 21,000 engagements, travelled more than any previous British monarch, and sat for over 200 official portraits- it is undoubtable that these are tasks that required great patience. However, she also proved to have unprecedented initiative by becoming

the first female royal to serve in the military, becoming a truck driver during World War II. In truth, she was perhaps most famous for the great moral support she offered (as a young Princess) to British soldiers and the nation as a whole during the aforementioned war, gaining her great and longstanding adoration from an entire generation of Britons.

What the future holds for the royal family remains to be seen. They have lost a great figurehead and the British people, in turn, have lost someone considered to be a great icon and role model. The Queen encapsulated the spirit of an older Britain, and for some she was a comfort in trying times, a reminder of what the nation has overcome- the legacy that she leaves behind is not one to overlook.

Zoe Mudd

## A definitive ranking of the Lana Del Rey albums



### from the worst to best:

8) It has to be said that **Chemtrails Over The Country Club** isn't on the same level as the multiple masterpieces churned out year after year by Lana Del Rey. Listening to the album doesn't feel like an immersive journey, in fact it feels more like one long high note dragged into eleven songs. The album cover isn't particularly striking aside from the fact that it is taken in black and white, at least the light and shadow contrasting encourages some lasting image.

7) **Lust for life** is arguably an experimental album. After *Ultraviolence*, *Honeymoon* and *Born To Die*, the collection was rather underwhelming and out of character along with the haunting album cover. *Cherry* and in my feelings just about rescue this from coming below *Chemtrails Over The Country Club*.

6) **NFR** was the mark of a new era for Lana Del Rey and if that is what you wanted then maybe it would be higher in the rankings.

5) I don't feel that **Blue Banisters** struck home with many people or produced many memorable moments but it is still, undoubtedly, a work of art.

4) **Honeymoon** is a grossly underrated album, it feels quintessentially like Lana Del Rey and in some senses overlaps with the gold dust that is *Born To Die*. Distinguishable hit after hit alongside a beautiful typeface for the cover- what more could you want?

3) **Ultraviolence** is a lyrical showcase of artistry. Each song withholds a separate yet cohesive narrative that contrasts elegantly with her first album.

2) **Born To Die-The Paradise Edition** runs close to the top spot but sadly, the album cover betrays this. It doesn't feel relevant or even enjoyable to look at.

1) **Born To Die**. Lana Del Rey arranged a work of beauty through her first album. I think we knew from the title alone it would take first place.

*Skylar Sebastiano*

## POET'S CORNER

*Left Luggage*

**It started raining at 3pm,  
and all our English idioms fell out of us  
on the grass clippings. In the near far  
the steam piled and slopped;  
I sit on the porch and listen to the  
pavement hum like bitten tongues.  
In early evening I pat my words dry,  
roll them up, trap and lock in my  
suitcase,  
the hiss and tap and groan of every  
last dissolved syllable.  
I go to sleep**

**and return on a blinkered motorway,  
gravel in my mouth,  
recurrence scrubbing my pupils.  
The same three billboards every half  
mile,  
boasting separate lurid promises in  
easy market colours.**

**The same male cadence strung from  
the iPod, knitting octaves into bin  
bags.  
The lampposts line up and throw back  
bends over everyone,  
the bulbs a cold forehead pressed  
against midnight glass.  
There is no horizon and so no visible  
ending,  
to which I will name excess.**

**The moon is my last dependable facet,  
unchanging and quiet  
In the neon and sound.  
Normally, I will fold away and wade  
in another world for the comfort of  
immediacy,  
But this time, this time, I will keep  
watch**

*Olivia Burgess*



## WE'RE FRACKED!

Stock up on scarves, hats, coats and gloves and pray global warming happens very quickly this winter. Instead of investing in green power supplies such as wind or hydroelectricity (x9 cheaper than gas), Liz Truss has made our winter warmer the old-fashioned way this year, by reintroducing fracking! At the rate we'd be thankful for the extra two degrees Celsius to keep our houses warm this year.



It is important to look at the positives though, as the house insulation companies have never been better and business is booming for the crochet enrichment club. The UK stays winning, we are the number one country for having the richest and poorest in energy costs (as a proportion of income) – get in! Lucky for us King Charles III saves the day, promising a smaller coronation to respect those having to choose between heating and eating – thanks for that! Year 13 student Olivia Burgess (the Bosco Laureate), “The energy makes me sad, let’s hope Christmas isn’t bad.” Wise words as usual.

*Holly Grammer*

## THE MEDIA'S PORTRAYAL OF THE QUEEN'S DEATH



On the 8th of September 2022, the world mourned the death of Queen Elizabeth II. The event brought many into shock and sorrow due to the loss of a beloved figure

in the monarchy and to some she was the greatest monarch of all time. The reason why we all found out about this was due to the media and their coverage on the breaking story. When you look carefully at most media channels, for example BBC, ITV, Sky News and GB, they all portrayed themselves in the same way for 12 days straight until her funeral. You wonder, how they kept the news so focused on the Queen for 12 days, well I'll tell you!



So, on the 8th news channels announced the death of Queen Elizabeth II, confirming her death with a statement from Buckingham Palace and then hearing a speech from the new monarch King Charles III with him showing his utter sadness about the situation and commemorating her life. Then, the next few days followed news channels talking about her life from when she began her reign, to just recently celebrating her platinum jubilee, missing events like the commonwealth games due to her ill health and then finally her passing away at Balmoral. Also, we followed King Charles III going around the country visiting all 4 nations of the UK to symbolise the start of his new reign. Finally, the news coverage closed with the Queen's funeral which took place on the 19th of September, which most channels broadcasted (except for Channel 5 who showed The Emoji Movie). This is then the rundown of the events that followed the Queen's death, days that consisted of everything being based on the Queen's life, scenes of the public queuing to pay their respects, journalists wearing black clothing on TV.

Jess Gannon

## CAREER IN FOCUS: THE LAW

Looking into a career for law offers a range of opportunities in the future. Family, criminal and environmental law are just a handful of routes to go down.

Being in the legal profession is incredibly rewarding and can make you feel the buzz of helping those in desperate need of support in a confusing world. On average, a person in the legal sector earns around £28,000 to £61,000 a year meaning you can be equally well rewarded financially.

Furthermore, it was evident that in 2020, when the world was forced to pause, that many people had lost their jobs due to economic downturns that put industries under pressure. With a career in law, you are always going to be working no matter what becomes of the economy, you should still find opportunities as an employer in the legal sector.

Due to globalization, the world is becoming increasingly connected and so does the world of law. Securing yourself a position at an international law firm can give you exciting opportunities to work and travel in new countries and places abroad across the globe. Working in law is extremely rewarding as well as taking on a lot of responsibility, tasks and problems, but upholding justice and helping others makes it worthwhile.

Miguel Carpio



## The Life and Time of a directioner

2010 - Falling in love

It all started in the year 2010, let me set the scene, the iPad had just made its debut, Barack Obama just began his presidency, Lady Gaga wore her infamous meat dress leaving the world in awe; but the single most important thing... one direction was born. Each member shooting their shot for fame, flying solo but not quite reaching the top. Until, out of the ashes came the idea, an idea to join forces and create an overnight phenomenon. Through their boyish charm and charismatic stage presence, the boys quickly became the newest obsession of teenage girls across the country. Niall Horan, Liam Payne, Louis Tomlinson, Harry Styles and Zayn Malik. These names quickly filled the houses of the nation, becoming a sensation and more importantly... the nation's newest heart throbs.

The glory years

After their expected success coming out of X Factor, the boyband wrote "what makes you beautiful", a commercial success, peaking at number 1 on UK charts and number 4 in the US, selling 153,965 copies in the first week and 4.8 million copies as of June 2016. This sent them on a road heading in only one direction... a life of success. Along with the success came the fans, their every movement from that moment on was chronicled by a fandom of dedicated Directioners, committed to the boys.

Dealing with heartbreak

After 4 world tours, 329 shows worldwide, a documentary, leaving the boyband with a collective net worth of \$340; the boys' success was undeniable, they were taking over the music industry, ending up on top. As a fan watching, they were a force to be reckoned with until 2015 when the news hit that they chose a new direction... One Direction, the boyband of the century, announcing their hiatus. Panic broke out, then slowly (but not slow enough) panic turned to misery when on the 13th of January 2016, the boys announced their break up... one word... heartbreak.



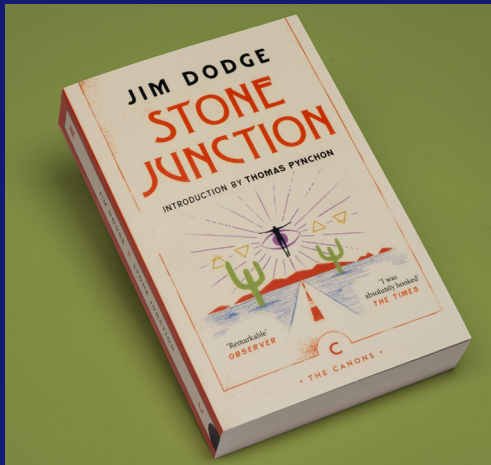
Coming out the other end

6 years on, the boys are still making names for themselves. While they may not be a collective any more, each member has found success in their own careers. Harry following a career in both music and acting, with his upcoming roles in "don't worry darling" and "my policeman"; while the other boys stuck to music, gaining success and fame through their solo careers.

Alice Hannan

# STONE JUNCTION

Imagine waking up from an absurd dream in which the strangest things happened yet it somehow made perfect sense; that's you're one sentence review of this book. 416 pages of mind-bending chemicals, anarchists and a young boy who can go invisible: an escapist read if there ever was one.



convoluted and frenetic dream. Read this if you'd like to forget about normal life for a little while, or if you're interested in learning about the restorative effects of black magic.

Warning: you will likely not know what is going on for the first 200 pages. Enjoy.

**Aoife Judge**

'Stone Junction', often subtitled with 'An Alchemical Pot-Boiler', provides just the right amount of whimsical magic, strange meditations and sixteen year olds experiencing teen pregnancy and breaking a nun's jaw. This bewitching novel begins with young Annalee, mother to Daniel (our wildly intelligent protagonist), as she escapes the orphanage that cannot understand her indifference to their oppressive methods of teaching. As we follow Daniel's awe-inspiring journey through (unconventional) education, we are invited into the world of AMO, "a historical alliance of the mildly felonious, misfits, anarchists, shamans, earth mystics, gypsies, magicians, mad scientists, dreamers, and other socially marginal souls". He is taught by a multitude of more-than-strange teachers who go above and beyond to teach him the imperative lessons of life (at one point Daniel spends months in a desolate mountain meditating for 6 hours a day). Amongst the plans of plutonium theft, bomb placing, safe cracking and drug 'appreciation', a romantic relationship between Annalee and Shamus emerges, a love that drives her to do crazy things (see aforementioned list). Next up on Jim Dodge's agenda of crazy storytelling: a perfectly spherical (imaginary?) diamond that entrances Daniel and convinces him to retreat into his invisible world forevermore.

A psychedelic remix of the supernatural, crime and a stunningly touching fable of growing up, 'Stone Junction' reads like a dream, a very