

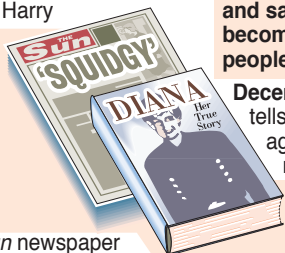
Fifteen year 'fairytale' finally comes to an end

July 29, 1981: Lady Diana Spencer marries Prince Charles at St Paul's Cathedral in London

June 21, 1982: Birth of first son, Prince William

September 15, 1984: Birth of second son, Prince Harry

June 1992: Andrew Morton's book, *'Diana, Her True Story'*, says Diana tried to kill herself five times because of her unhappy marriage



August 25: *The Sun* newspaper publishes transcript of a telephone conversation in which a man, believed to be her friend James Gilbey, talks intimately with a woman identified as Diana. He calls her 'Squidgy'

December 9: Prime Minister John Major announces that Charles and Diana are separating 'amicably'



January 14, 1993: Australian magazine publishes transcript of raunchy telephone conversation

between Charles and his former girlfriend, Camilla Parker Bowles

December 3: Diana announces she is withdrawing from public life

June 29, 1994: Charles, in interview for nationally televised documentary, says he was unfaithful to Diana after their marriage broke down.

Interviewer Jonathan Dimbleby later identifies the other woman as Camilla Parker Bowles

August: Newspaper reports claim Diana has been bombarding a friend, Oliver Hoare, with telephone calls

October 3: Book entitled *'Princess in Love'* claims Diana had five-year affair with Major James Hewitt, her former riding instructor

March 3, 1995: Camilla Parker Bowles and her husband, Andrew, divorce

August: Newspaper stories link Diana with Will Carling, captain of the England rugby team.

November 20: In blockbuster interview on BBC TV's *Panorama*, Diana admits adultery with Hewitt and says she does not expect to become queen. 'I want to be queen of people's hearts'

December: Divorce now, the Queen tells Charles and Diana. Charles agrees immediately, Diana does not respond

February 28, 1996: Diana agrees to divorce provided a satisfactory settlement is reached over finances and future role

April: The princess's lawyer begins to barter for a clean-break £30 million settlement. Charles' lawyer stands firm against the 'cheeky' claim

May: Frustrated at the deadlock, Diana tells the Queen that she will call off the divorce unless her claim is considered favourably – the lawyers are told to try harder

July 15: Prince Charles' lawyers start divorce proceedings to end the 15-year marriage on August 28. The Princess will receive a one-off payment in the region of £15 million but lose her title of Her Royal Highness

Above: Prince Harry and Prince William. **Below:** Diana breaks down as she leaves a hospice on Merseyside shortly before the separation in December 1992. **Bottom:** Charles and Diana in Korea on their last official overseas tour together, November

