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Harald & Sonja: a Royal Love Story

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In 1968, Crown Prince Harald finally married Sonja Haraldsen after years of battling the royal establishment, the government, and rigid social conventions. Yet their story is more than just a romantic fairy tale—it is also the story of a changing Norway. We meet Harald and Sonja as young people in 1950s Oslo, before their blossoming romance turns the entire nation upside down. Could a future heir to the throne marry a commoner? Could a prince choose love over duty? The controversy surrounding their relationship exposed deep divisions in a society caught between emerging ideals and entrenched norms. This compelling story paints a vivid picture of the transformative 1960s—and of the love that helped shape modern Norway.

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