# The King's Speech

The King's speech is an historical film directed by Tom Hooper and released in 2010 and written by David Saidler. Colin Firth plays King George VI while Lionel Logue, an Australian speech and language therapist is played by Geoffrey Rush. The men become friends as they work together, and after his brother abdicates the throne, the new King relies on Logue to help him make his first wartime radio broadcast on Britain's declaration of war on Germany in 1030. Saidler started writing about the relationship between the monarch and his therapist as early as the 1980s, but at the request of the King's widow, Queen Elizabeth postponed work until her death in 2002. He later rewrote his screenplay for the stage to focus on the essential relationship between the two protagonists. Released in the United Kingdom on 7 January 2011, The King's speech was a major box office and critical success. The film received many awards and nominations, particularly for

Colin Firth's performance.

Prince Albert, Duke of York, the second son of King George V, stammers through his speech closing the 1925 British Empire Exhibition at Wembley Stadium, while he's listened to worldwide. After he has tried lots of different cures, his wife Elizabeth persuades him to see Lionel Logue, an Australian speech therapist in London. During their first session, Logue breaches royal etiquette by referring to the Prince as "Bertie,". Logue wanted to treat the Duke of York with unusual methods so Prince Albert leaves his house in anger, declaring his condition "hopeless" and dismissing Logue. After King George V makes his 1934 Christmas radio address, he explains to his son the importance of broadcasting to a modern monarchy. He declares that "David" (Edward, Prince of Wales), Albert's older brother and the heir to the throne, will bring ruin to himself, the family, and the country when he accedes to the throne. So he decided to return to Logue where he and his wife both insist that Logue focus only on physical exercises and on Albert's self - valuation. The Duke eventually reveals some of the pressures of his childhood, and the two men start to become friends. In January 1936, George V dies, and David ascends the throne as King Edward VIII, but causes a constitutional crisis with his determination to marry Mrs. Wallis Simpson, an American divorced woman, but as a chief of the Church of England he cannot do it At his next session, Albert expresses his frustration that while his speech has improved when talking to most people, he still stammers when talking to his own brother while Logue insists that Albert could be a good king instead of his brother. When Albert heard these words he become very angry and dismissed Logue. When King Edward VIII abdicates to marry Mrs. Simpson, Albert accedes as King George VI. The new King and Queen visit Logue at his home to apologise. So Lionel Logue managed to help the King for his coronation in Westminster Abbey. Upon the declaration of war with Nazi Germany in September 1939, Logue was called to Buckingham Palace to support the king in his speech to the Empire. Milions of listeners throughout the world were waiting for it so that King George couldn't stammer during a so important talk. Knowing the challenge oth Winston Churchill and Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain offer the King their support. The King and Logue are then left in the room. He delivers his speech while Logue guides him By the end of his speech, George VI is speaking freely with no Logue guidance and with no stammers Afterwards, the King and his family step onto the balcony of the palace, and are applauded by the thousands who have gathered. Lionel Logue and King George VI remained friends the King's death in 1952

"The King's Speech" is a 2010 film directed by Tom Hooper. The main actors of the cast are Colin Firth (The King), Geoffry Rush and Helena Carter. The film is set in the last years before the first World War. It is the story of Prince Albert Duke of York who had problems of stuttering. In fact he wasn't able to give a speech in front of many people. His wife, the Duckess of York, looked for some doctors to help his husband. When the Duke met Lionel Logue he improved his speech. When his brother Edward VII abdicated he became the new king. The film Built-in 400.000.000 milions of dollars and the Queen Elizabeth valued this film.

The film presents a nice atmosphere because of the irony and seriousness mixed together. It also reflects the real events of that years so I advised it.

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Duke of York and second-born of king George V, Bertie is affected by a form of stutterer. Bertie is forced to talk to the public and he to solve his problem was helped by his wife Lady Lyon and an unconventional speech-language pathologist, Lionel Logue. Lionel and Bertie working a long time on the problem of Bertie but he doesn't solve the problem. After king's death, brother's Bertie take the power and becomes the king. But new king Eduard VIII want to marry Wallis Simpson, an American women that has already divorced twice. This thing stand against the conventional of Anglican church. So Eduard VIII leaves the throne to Bertie that he becomes the new king with the name of George VI. Bertie ad Lionel continue to solve the stutterer of Bertie for the coronation ceremony in the Westmister abbey that will take place without problems. Currently the declaration of war against Germany in the 1933 Bertie With the support of Lionel take speech to the nation, before to radio and after on the balcony of buckingham palace.

"Il discorso del re" is a good movie, it is slow but it is funny when the King does exercise with the speech therapist, that than will became his friend and his counselor, to correct his stammer. This is the story of King George VI, named Bertie by family, the speech is an important speech to his reign of United Kingdom during the second world war. The purpose of the film is to give more importance to the words, too often overlooked by society.

The movie "The King's Speech" is a romanticized staging of historical fact that what actually took place. It is the true story of King George VI, the second son of King George V of Great Britain.

Married to Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon, by whom he had two daughters, Elizabeth (the current Queen Elizabeth II) and Margaret, in 1936 after the death of King George V, success to the throne after the abdication of his elder brother David, who prefers to marry the 'American Wallis Simpson, a divorced twice, thus entering into conflict with the morals of the Church of England.

But the real mainstay of the film is the precise and engaging description of the interior experience of King George VI, who suffers from stuttering since childhood, finds himself unwillingly having to talk to the whole United Kingdom, through the then new invention technology of radio.

A support in this frustrating royal duty, there with him his personal speech therapist Lionel Logue, who can ably "to restore the voice," and to restore the self-esteem of a man far too long embittered by the many humiliations because of his stuttering.

"The King's Speech", so, describes the fascinating history of strong relationship (therapeutic) between the king and Lionel, which seals the audience in a trepidation and thrilling trip in the rehabilitation of King George VI in front of his subjects, for his subjects, that at the beginning of World War II found a monarch, who will support them throughout the painful wartime.

The movie is done in a way to reveal all the suffering and distress that the King lives inside, difficulty in trusting the speech therapist after all the evidence does not give satisfactory outcomes, the suffering experienced in the years, partly because his brother who instead of support him, was making fun of him, The negative feelings he felt feeling always the second choice, the less good, less beautiful, less important. And then with the work and the hard work begins to improve, to grow to believe in themselves. This leads him to improve his mood and even his relationships with people and also his authority, which until then had never been taken seriously.

film to me has a hidden teaching, "believe in yourself always, and do not think we can not do it with the only desire of will and his strength you can do everything, even rule a kingdom, which for the King George seemed to be impossible.

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Clean, elegant, gently ironic, sometimes sad, can rely on a solid narrative, about a trio of actors who perfectly mastered his craft and a protagonist forced by events to fight a fierce battle against a handicap. The King's Speech is not blackmail because it never lingers on the personal drama of the poor sovereign case makes the character nor a saint. On the contrary, it shows the irritability mixed with arrogance, snobbery and the initial surrender. The story takes place in one of the most difficult moments in European history: a time when Hitler's campaign threatened collective madness and destruction, and war was imminent. A time zone of insecurity in which the conservative and millenarian English crown was found for the first time in front of the dangerous connection between the public and private sectors. Blame the spread of the radio, which made everything political and transformed politics into a show.

In this sense the drama of George VI was their inability to lead this show and to keep pace with modernity also expressed by the existence of chaotic and licentious quell'Edoardo VIII gave up the throne for the love of an American pluridivorziata . Similar considerations make the film interesting and subtle, although his first-class ticket to stardom is no doubt Colin Firth, actor robust theatrical training remained muted for many years, and finally came out of the overwhelmingly scoperto. E' some astonishing work that made the character: his voice, different from that usually used, and with the body, awkward, hunched, shy.

And what about Geoffrey Rush and the seamless blend between his sobriety, histrionics and tenderness? A last note of credit goes to director Tom Hooper, who with his camera sticks to the protagonist, following him to the rooms and corridors, and smashing it into tight spaces or accerchiandolo thanks to goals just deforming.

After his father's death (George V) and his brother's abdication (Edward VIII), Bertie, who suffers of stutter since he was born, became King George VI of England. When England went to II World War, and it needed a leader, Bertie's wife organized a meeting with the eccentric speech therapist Lionel Logue. His therapies were strange, so Bertie was undecided to accept or not. Lionel recorded his voice to demonstrate himself that if he listens to music he doesn't stutter. Bertie convinced himself to continue this therapy until he discovered that Lionel had no degrees or academic. Bertie was called to take a speech to all English people cause Germane's war declaration to calm them, so h emet again lionel and togheter they were able to take the discourse.

The film was goodand exciting but sometimes repetitive.

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The King's Speech - review: 'The King's Speech' was based on the true story of King George VI of England. It is a movie that can be a bit slow at the beginning, but that minute after minute manages to establish like a link between the protagonists, or rather the main protagonist Prince Albert, known by family members as Bertie, and those who are in front of the screen. The story and how Bertie was able to overcome his stammer and speak publicly is inspirational and since it is true even more so. It is one of those movies without 'frills', which holds on the emotions that arouse with the dialogues. It is a movie that you can appreciate especially after seeing it. I liked 'The King's Speech', I recommend it highly!

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In 1925, Prince Albert, Duke of York and second son of King George V, held the closing speech at the Empire Exhibition at Wembley Stadium in London. An obvious problem of stuttering is a source of great discomfort for the Prince and arouses embarrassment in the thousands of people in the stadium. After experimenting with a range of therapies and consulted numerous speech therapists without obvious improvements, the Prince chooses to forgo holding future public speaking. As a younger son, his role is secondary and leaves space to devote to family. Only with his wife Elizabeth and daughters Margaret and Elizabeth (the future Elizabeth II), still children, the problem of stuttering seems forgotten. It is different in the presence of his father, King George V, whose authoritarian temperament seems to emphasize the already obvious problems of language of the prince. The Duchess of York went one day in the studio of Lionel Logue, an Australian therapist experienced in the problems of language. Presenting himself under a false name, the Duchess asks to submit the husband to the method developed by Logue. The Prince agrees to meet him, but it is deeply disheartened: would not want to undergo therapy to the nth failure. To convince him of the validity of their method, Logue asks him to read aloud a passage of Hamlet whose own Lionel was passionate, making at the same time listen to music through headphones at full volume. The patient, though annoyed, performs and records their voice Logue. However, the Prince impatiently interrupted the session and goes away, but by agreeing to carry the recording you just made. Only later, after listening to the disc - in which the passage of Hamlet is unexpectedly declaimed fluently -Prince agrees to submit to treatment. In the first session, Logue sets strict rules. Firstly, it seeks to establish a confidential relationship with the patient, with no rules of etiquette and formality: only asks to be called Lionel and to be able to call the Prince Bertie, a nickname until then used only in the family. Since that time, the Prince embarks on an elaborate path, made of muscle relaxation exercises and breath control, range of motion exercises of the language and pronunciation. On the death of George V, Prince of Wales ascends to the throne as King Edward VIII. The conduct of the new King feeds but large reserves: he is determined to marry Wallis Simpson, an American divorcee twice already. Albert warns her brother as king and head of the Church in the United Kingdom he will not be allowed to marry a divorced woman. The relationship between Lionel and Bertie is getting closer and confidential, and Logue tries to investigate the psychological roots of the problem of the Prince. Resurface personal episodes, related to childhood and adolescence Bertie, from which the speech therapist understands the origin of stuttering. Logue is convinced that the Prince would be a great king, in the event that his brother Edward gave up the title, and expresses its opinion. However, Bertie reacts with annoyance at what he considers an excess of confidence and cut off the relationship with him. As expected, for the sake of his future wife, King Edward abdicated in favor of his brother, who is designated by the name of King George VI. As the ruler of a great empire, now Albert cannot decline to attend meetings and public speeches. Apologizing, he asked Logue to be able to resume therapy. Meanwhile, the preparations for the coronation ceremony at Westminster Abbey. The Archbishop Cosmo Lang does not like the presence of Logue and have carried out investigations on his past. The King turns out that the friend is not a real doctor, but a failed actor and confronted him. Lionel replied that he had never deceived: he never boasted or academic degrees, declaring always only an "expert in speech therapy." His experience is gained in the field with years of work, including that done immediately after the Great War with the numerous soldiers who had speech problems, apparently due to the severe trauma suffered. Bertie gives him new confidence and the coronation ceremony takes place without problems. At the time of the declaration of war on Germany in 1939, George VI summons Logue to Buckingham Palace to prepare the speech to the nation to be transmitted by radio. Despite the difficulties of the moment and the great emotion, Logue manages to calm the King and the remains to the left while reading the speech, accompanied by rhythmic gestures and helping him with his eyes to put into practice the techniques learned. The speech is a success and elicits a strong emotional impact. After thanking Logue for his help, the King appears on the balcony of Buckingham Palace with his wife and daughters, to greet the thousands of people who came to applaud him.

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The king's speech is a British film of the 2010 inspired by a true story, that received many awards and nominations, including four Oscar awards.

The protagonist of this film is the prince Albert, interpreted by Colin Firth, that is the second son of king George V.

The prince suffering of stuttering and after experiment a lot of therapies and consulted numerous speech therapists without improvements, the prince chose to renounce giving speech in public.

but one day his wife go in the studio of Lionel, an Australian therapist expert in problems of language, and ask to him to subject the husband to his method.

With the time and the training, prince be able to speak better, and when his brother decides to abdicate the throne to marry a divorced woman, he ascend to throne and with the help of Lionel he is able to make speech to the nation.

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