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Queen Silvia of Sweden has been in the public eye at King of Sweden Carl XVI Gustaf's side since 1976. We have seen her in silk dresses and glittering tiaras at Nobel Prize dinners and state visits. But few know what she has done in addition to her royal duties.

To find out how the Queen uses her role to influence important social issues, journalist Ingrid Thörnqvist has followed the Queen's everyday work for a year. How does she pursue her heart issues about sexual abuse of children, about dementia care, about the importance of adult role models for young people? What has she achieved – and how will she be described in the history books?

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In 2026 Queen Silvia will celebrate her 50th anniversary as Queen of Sweden.

Ingrid Thörnqvist

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