



Meghan's return: 'She wants 2025 to be her biggest yet'

Her new TV show is causing problems for the royals – and could lead to further trouble...

January was set to be a momentous month for Meghan Markle, who kickstarted the year with the announcement of her new Netflix series, *With Love, Meghan*. The show was supposed to launch a few days later, but had to be postponed until March because of the wildfires in L.A. As we await its premiere, we're told her surprise comeback has rocked the royals – leaving them concerned about what else may be ahead in 2025.

'Meghan has public interest'

Having previously quit social media in 2018, Meghan, 43, made her surprise Instagram return last month. Amassing millions of followers within days, she then revealed that *With Love, Meghan* – the newest instalment in the Sussexes' million-dollar Netflix deal – was set to air days later. However, as the Los Angeles devastation continued to spread, Meghan's show – described as 'a heartfelt tribute to the beauty of Southern California' was delayed. Instead, she and

Prince Harry, 40, who live in nearby Montecito, visited communities left in ruins, giving out food and meeting with residents and emergency workers.

The lifestyle series – set in a luxurious Californian farmhouse – sees Meghan 'blending practical how-tos and candid conversations with friends, new and old'. In the trailer, she is seen looking carefree as she shows off her domestic skills, chopping vegetables, slicing a cake and arranging flowers – all while explaining, 'We're not in the pursuit of perfection; we're in the pursuit of joy. Love is in the details.'



Joined by famous pal, Mindy Kaling



Meghan and Harry now live in California



Meghan's new Netflix show has been postponed until March



Chef Roy Choi joins Meghan in the kitchen

A mixed reaction

Despite the unfortunate timing, we hear those close to Meghan are still confident the series will be a success when it eventually airs.

Our source says, 'Meghan was told by all of her friends who have seen the show that she's got a hit on her hands.' But with rumours that a memoir and possibly even a magazine could follow, the royal family are understandably nervous...

When the series was announced, the reaction was mixed. Some fans took to social media to share their excitement, with one writing, 'If her recipes are actually good, I'm all in.' Branding the show a 'wholesome escape', another added, 'I'm loving the vibe.'

However, not everyone was impressed with the Martha Stewart-esque concept. Some were left disappointed upon learning

that *With Love, Meghan* was not filmed in the Duke, 40, and Duchess of Sussex's family home but in a sprawling £6.5 million farmhouse just a few miles from their actual Montecito residence.

Others criticised the show for focusing on the Duchess herself. Meghan and Harry have often mentioned their desire for 'boundaries' and 'privacy' – something many feel this comeback is at odds with. 'For wanting privacy, they do seem desperate for attention,' one wrote. Another agreed, 'Privacy isn't

that important when their popularity falters.'

Whichever camp you're in, there's no doubt that *With Love, Meghan* will firmly place the Duchess of Sussex back in the spotlight. And while a Netflix success is good news for Meghan, the source notes that it could be a sign of trouble for the royals.

They reveal, 'If the show does well, people are predicting that it will no doubt be a disaster for the royal family. It will go a long way to prove that Meghan's the one that's got the public interest –



Reuniting in 2022 for Queen Elizabeth's funeral



Harry and Meghan with Archie in 2019

which will mean even more opportunities for her to be front and centre.'

Launching brands

The world of lifestyle isn't an unexpected path for former *Suits* star Meghan. Before marrying into royalty, the actress ran a successful blog called The Tig – named after her favourite red wine, Tignanello.

Launched in 2014, The Tig gave insight into Meghan's daily life, including fashion, travel and interviews with the likes of Ivanka Trump and Elizabeth Hurley.

In one post, the star reflected on her New Year's Resolutions, joking, 'The marathon still hasn't happened. The swearing comes in lulls, triggered by being

overworked or feeling mighty cheeky after a couple drinks.' The blog was thought to be a healthy side income for the star – with some experts predicting that in 2016, at the height of its success, The Tig had enough viewers to garner a yearly revenue of around £65k.

However, Meghan shut down the platform in 2017, months after it emerged she was dating Prince Harry. Some have described it as one of Meghan's 'many sacrifices' when preparing for royal life. Others have stressed that her relationship was not at fault, but rather that The Tig was 'a full time job' in itself.

Meghan's love for The Tig is why many were unsurprised when she launched her brand, American Riviera Orchard, last year. Although not quite a return to blogging, the California-based lifestyle brand sells home décor

'She is in demand'



Kate and Meghan were said to have 'clashed'



Harry was only briefly involved in Meghan's new show

and kitchen items, as well as various jams and jellies – lending itself nicely to the world of *With Love, Meghan*. However, its opening appears to have been stalled, with no products yet available at the time of going to press. With her star power on the

rise once more, our source says that the duchess is in demand for even more projects – including a 'tell-all memoir'.

We hear, 'There's no confirmation that Meghan is going to release a memoir this year, but it's no secret that she's being



On their wedding day in 2018

hounded for one. There are huge sums of money on offer.'

Rocky relationships

A memoir from the duchess could equal further disaster for the royal family – due to her rocky relationship with her in-laws, including brother-in-law Prince William.

After marrying Prince Harry back in 2018, Meghan hinted that she was unhappy with her royal life the following year. Opening up during an ITV interview, she shared that she was 'not okay' – adding, 'I really tried to adopt this British sensibility of a "stiff upper lip", but I think what that does internally is probably really damaging.' Less than six months later, the couple announced their plans to step back as senior working royals. The pair relocated

across the pond, now residing in Montecito, California, with their children Archie, five, and Lilibet, three.

Months after leaving Britain, Meghan and Harry made several shocking allegations during a sit-down interview with Oprah Winfrey. Stating that there were 'concerns and conversations about how dark Archie's skin might be', Meghan also recalled how her sister-in-law Kate Middleton, 43, left her in tears on her wedding day. After the interview aired,

Prince William, also 43, responded, 'We are very much not a racist family.'

The Sussex duo once again seemed to take aim at the palace last year, this time in the form of Harry's bombshell memoir, *Spare*. After alleging that William called Meghan 'difficult', 'rude' and 'abrasive,' Harry recalled how one argument with his older brother turned physical – writing, '...he grabbed me by the collar, ripping my necklace, and knocked me to the floor.'

It's well known that the duchess kept diaries during her time in the royal family, detailing her many ups and downs. And in 2022, Meghan hinted that she may one day speak about her experiences – saying, 'I've never had to sign anything that restricts me from talking.'

While it's not known what her next career steps will be, our source says they will no doubt be impressive. And memoir or not, having Meghan back in the spotlight is a cause for panic for the royals.

The source reveals, 'Meghan's big focus is on her series, which ties in very directly with her brand roll out. There's even been some buzz that she's considering having her own lifestyle magazine, something like what Oprah and Martha Stewart have, either online or possibly in print as well.'

'Meghan is charging into 2025 with plans to make it her biggest year yet. She wants to prove all the haters wrong and really hit it out of the park this year.'

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