

# Prince William and Kate Middleton lookalikes 'marry' for book launch stunt

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The pair arrived by horse-drawn carriage at Waterstone's Piccadilly, London, for the launch of *Kate And Wills Up The Aisle*, the latest book by Alison Jackson.

The artist uses lookalikes to create paparazzi-style pictures of celebrities in risqué poses.

The royal couple, played by Simon Watkinson, 29, and Jodie Bredo, 22, later dined at a KFC restaurant before being "wed" in a ceremony at St Paul's Church, Covent Garden.

Ms Jackson said: "It's a chronicle of how the Middletons met in the British Airways days, right the way through to the reception.

"It charts how William and Kate met, how their romance blossomed, the proposal and ultimately the marriage.

"We are commenting on what's real and what's not; we just don't know any more. Celebrities aren't really people any more. They are just a bunch of images in a magazine or newspaper."

Ms Jackson said she approached potential models in the street and in restaurants. "It's always very embarrassing," she said.

She said the models are put on diet and gym routines to develop the right physique.

The images, which include wedding guests performing a conga line and a Prince Harry lookalike slumped on a staircase clutching an empty bottle, are blurred to appear like long-lens paparazzi shots.

Mr Watkinson, a civil engineer from Adelaide, said he was first noticed as a likeness of the prince aged 12 and gets "lots of double-takes" in the street.

He said: "Wills and Kate are such a lovely couple. I'd love to meet them and get their thoughts on the book.

"Prince William always stands with his hands clasped behind his back. He has a really cheesy smile which I've tried to perfect," he said.

The pair were joined by Mary Wills, who has impersonated the Queen at public events for more than 20 years, as well as a footman and four corgis.

The book, *Kate And Wills Up The Aisle*, subtitled *A Right Royal Fairy Tale*, is published by Quadrille and went on sale today priced £9.99.

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