

Kinky Boots

KINKY BOOTS: FACT VS FICTION

The story of Kinky Boots was inspired by a true story. Check out some of the differences & similarities below.

Original Story	Adaptation (Movie and Musical)
The original shoe factory's name was W.J. Brooks Shoe Company.	The shoe factory's name in the musical and the movie is Price & Sons Ltd.
W.J. Brooks made women's boots for men and women.	Price & Sons made women's boots just for men.
W.J. Brooks was run by Steve Pateman who took over for his father (Richard) while he was still alive.	Price & Sons is run by Charlie Price who took over for his father after his father unexpectedly died.
While in his mid-30s, Steve Pateman admitted to being a bit of an exhibitionist: "I'm one of those people who hear about a fancy dress party, and say: OK, what can we do to shock people?"	Charlie Price is a man in his late 20s who is a bit confused and relatively conservative with a traditional, family-focused background.
During the time when the W.J. Brooks factory went through the shift from making traditional men's shoes, such as hand-stitched leather brogues, to the Divine line of shoes for men and women, Pateman was married and in c. 1997 (when the story begins) had a newborn born son.	Charlie Price is not married and has no children.
W.J. Brooks began to experience a loss of sales when the value of the British pound resulted in a downward trend in the company's export trades and cheaper imports caused a significant decrease in domestic orders.	Price & Sons lost money because a large order had been placed . essentially a ghost order . with no one to buy the units. Like in the real story, the import market negatively affected the shoe company's domestic trading power.
Steve Pateman started to make fetish footwear because a fetish shop, named Laces in Folkestone, found out about Pateman and his work through the Footwear Federation. Laces in Folkestone had multiple challenges with their suppliers and Pateman believed his factory could help solve their problems.	Charlie Price started to make women's boots for men because of chance encounter with the story's lead character, Lola . a drag queen (and a whole lot more).
W.J. Brooks gained interest for their line of Divine shoes through a showing at the Düsseldorf footwear show and the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) series "Trouble at the Top."	Price & Sons gained interest in their boot wear through a show at the Milan International Footwear Show.
Steve Pateman modeled his line of Divine footwear in his company's brochures and catalogues.	Charlie Price modeled the Kinky Boot line at the Milan Footwear Show.
It was the BBC who nicknamed W.J. Brooks the Kinky Boot Factory.	It is Lola who nicknames Price & Sons the Kinky Boot Factory.
In 2000, Divine Footwear stopped its production of kinky boots but the company continued to find creative and commercial success with an expanded line that included women's shoes, bags, fragrances, erotic toys, and underwear.	In the musical and movie, the story ends at the Milan Footwear Show. with the onset of the company's new line of footwear.