

Kings Queens Of England And Scotland

Who was the first King of England? Did Henry I assassinate his brother? How did 'Bloody Mary' reinstate Roman Catholicism? For more than 1,000 years the British monarchy has dramatically shaped national and international history. Kings and queens have conquered territory, imposed religious change and extracted taxation, each with their own motivations and ambitions. In this beautifully illustrated book, Cath Senker delves into the extraordinary history of the British monarchy and its host of kings, queens and pretenders. There have been benevolent rulers, violent ones, religious fanatics, brilliant economists, masters of diplomacy and the power hungry. But whether they have abused their power or used it for good, each monarch has played a part in the rich tapestry of British history, coping with both international and civil wars, rebellions and criticism. *The Kings and Queens of Britain* introduces this fascinating thousand-year history, providing rich biographical detail of Britain's remarkable monarchs.

Who invented the 'House of Windsor' as a royal name? Who founded Westminster Abbey? Which king had twenty-one illegitimate children? David Hilliam answers all of these questions and more. Here is a continuous history of the English monarchy, showing how the nine dynasties rose and fell. The book describes the most memorable features of the life and times of each king and queen - from Egbert, crowned in 802 and

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considered the first king of England, to Queen Elizabeth II - as well as recording the extraordinary lives of their queens, consorts, mistresses and bastard children. It also tells the story of the Saxons, describes what has happened to the monarchs' mortal remains, and relates many lively incidents of royal history that rarely appear in the text books. Read of the saintly Edward the Confessor, who is believed to have refused to consummate his marriage; of the rumbustious Henry VIII, given to beheading those who displeased him; of the 'little gentleman in black velvet', who caused the death of William III; and of Queen Victoria's strangest servant, the 'Munshi', Queen Emma, who endured a trial by ordeal; and Anne Boleyn, widely suspected of being a witch. A complete list of the monarchs' reigns and a genealogical table showing the royal descent down thirty-seven generations from Egbert to Elizabeth II adds to the volume's reference value. The Pitkin Guide to Britain's Kings & Queens presents a concise, informative history, in words and pictures, of Britain's 56 sovereigns from Alfred the Great in the 9th century to our reigning monarch, Queen Elizabeth II. Beautifully illustrated, this book includes family trees and details of where and when each monarch was born, where they were crowned, the dates they reigned and where they are buried. Now fully updated with the discovery of Richard III's bones, the birth of HRH Prince George and the 2013 Succession to the Crown Act, this Pitkin Guide contains all you need to know on Britain's Kings & Queens. This beautifully illustrated book is part of the Pitkin Royal Collection series, celebrating the lives of the British royal family. Other notable titles in

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this insightful series include Royal Babies, The Queen and Her Family and Queen Elizabeth II.

This collection examines the afterlives of early modern English and French rulers. Spanning five centuries of cultural memory, the volume offers case studies of how kings and queens were remembered, represented, and reincarnated in a wide range of sources, from contemporary pageants, plays, and visual art to twenty-first-century television, and from premodern fiction to manga and romance novels. With essays on well-known figures such as Elizabeth I and Marie Antoinette as well as lesser-known monarchs such as Francis II of France and Mary Tudor, Queen of France, *Remembering Queens and Kings of Early Modern England and France* brings together reflections on how rulers live on in collective memory.

Monarchy is more than the biographies of the kings and queens of England. It is an in-depth examination of what the English monarchy has meant, in terms of the expression of the individual, the Mother of Parliaments, Magna Charta, the laws of England and the land of England. This is the history of ideas and ideals, as well as colourful characters, brought to life by David Starkey's unique gifts as a communicator. David Starkey's scholarship combines with his engaging and popular style to produce another winner. The importance of the rich heritage of the Anglo-Saxon kings is underlined, and among the kings most heavily featured are: Alfred the Great, Canute, Edward the Confessor, William the Conqueror, Henry II, Richard Lionheart, Henry III, . The last king in this

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volume is Henry VI

The New York Times bestseller, from the author of *Powers and Thrones*, that tells the story of Britain's greatest and worst dynasty—"a real-life *Game of Thrones*" (*The Wall Street Journal*) The first Plantagenet kings inherited a blood-soaked realm from the Normans and transformed it into an empire that stretched at its peak from Scotland to Jerusalem. In this epic narrative history of courage, treachery, ambition, and deception, Dan Jones resurrects the unruly royal dynasty that preceded the Tudors. They produced England's best and worst kings: Henry II and his wife Eleanor of Aquitaine, twice a queen and the most famous woman in Christendom; their son Richard the Lionheart, who fought Saladin in the Third Crusade; and his conniving brother King John, who was forced to grant his people new rights under the Magna Carta, the basis for our own bill of rights. Combining the latest academic research with a gift for storytelling, Jones vividly recreates the great battles of Bannockburn, Crécy, and Sluys and reveals how the maligned kings Edward II and Richard II met their downfalls. This is the era of chivalry and the Black Death, the Knights Templar, the founding of parliament, and the Hundred Years' War, when England's national identity was forged by the sword.

The monarchy is one of Britain's longest surviving institutions - as well as one of its most tumultuous and revered. In this masterful book, David Starkey looks at the monarchy as a whole, charting its magnificent history from Roman times, to the Wars of

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the Roses, the chaos of the Civil War, the fall of Charles I and Cromwell's emergence as Lord Protector - all the way up until the Victorian era when it came face-to-face with modernity. More than a collection of biographies of Britain's kings and queens, this is an in-depth examination of what the British monarchy has meant, what it means now and what it will continue to mean. Bringing to life a cast of colourful characters, Starkey's trademark energy and authority make him the perfect guide on this epic, accessible and compelling journey, as he offers us a vivid portrait of British culture, politics and nationhood.

Kings & Queens of England & Scotland is a fascinating account of Britain's royal families. Through wars, usurpations and economic disasters, the monarchy not only survived but flourished. Each monarch's significance is analysed.

The monarchs who have ruled over them and the institution of monarchy itself have crucially shaped the history of the British Isles from the earliest times. This lavishly-illustrated book uses pictures, maps and an authoritative, readable text to tell their story. From Hengist and Horsa to Queen Victoria, From Brian Boru and Hywel Dda to Mary Queen of Scots, the history of the British Isles has been crucially shaped by the monarchs who have ruled them. From the British rulers who fought against the Romans, through the Saxon chieftains who carved petty kingdoms through blood and bluff and on past the Norman conquest of England, The Times British Kings and Queens recounts the lives, the times and the achievements of these extraordinary men and women. Covering Ireland, Wales, Scotland as well as England, the book gives a comprehensive account of the history of the islands by focusing on the

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personalities who had most influence in shaping them. William the Conqueror, Owain Glendower, Macbeth and Henry VIII all take their place in the most complete account ever of the rulers of the British Isles. Vibrant pictures and stunning maps in the tradition of The Times History of the World complement and authoritative and informative text to provide a book that truly brings the past to life. Complete with lists of rulers, family trees and glossary, The Times British Kings and Queens is a work no-one interested in history or royalty can afford to be without.

This work gives a history of the kings and queens of Britain, ranging from mythical and early pre-conquest rulers to the present House of Windsor. The entries are ordered in sections, by regions and then by royal lines.

A revised and updated edition of this reference work, which provides information on every king and queen from the Saxons to the present day, with dates, facts and family trees. There is also a selection of portraits which show how the monarchs appeared to their contemporaries.

With stunning colour illustrations of the 59 English kings and queens from Alfred the Great to Elizabeth II, Illustrated Kings and Queens of England is packed with interesting facts about the wonderful English monarchy. Each monarch is accompanied by a vintage etching, lovingly restored to perfect condition and carefully tinted.

This poster offers a timeline of all the kings and queens of England and Great Britain, from King Egbert in 802 to Queen Elizabeth II.

To coincide with the Channel 4 series to be aired at the end of this year – David Starkey's 'Monarchy' charts the rise of the British monarchy from the War of the Roses, the English Civil War and the Georgians, right up until the present day monarchs of the 20th Century.

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Despite its reputation as the longest established in Europe, the history of the English monarchy is punctuated by scandal, murders, betrayals, plots, and treason. Since William the Conqueror seized the crown in 1066, England has seen three civil wars; six monarchs have been murdered or executed; the throne of England has been usurped four times, and won in battle three times; and personal scandals and royal family quarrels abound. *Dark History of The Kings & Queens of England* provides an exciting and dramatic account of English royal history from 1066 to the present day. This engrossing book explores the scandal and intrigue behind each royal dynasty, from the 'accidental' murder of William II in 1100, through the excesses of Richard III, Henry VIII and 'Bloody' Mary, to the conspiracies surrounding the death of Diana, Princess of Wales, in 1997. Carefully researched, superbly entertaining and illustrated throughout with more than 200 colour and black-and-white photographs and artworks, this accessible and immensely enjoyable book highlights the true personalities and real lives of the individuals honoured with the crown of England—and those unfortunate enough to cross their paths.

An educational book all about England's Kings and Queens from Ladybird. *Ladybird Histories: Kings and Queens* is the ideal first reference book for primary school children. It is packed with information about England's monarchs in chronological order, including King Henry VIII, Queen Elizabeth I, and Queen Victoria, all the way up to the present day. Full of fascinating facts, this handy book will help schoolchildren with their history studies. Includes a weblink to a free downloadable chart showing a timeline of Kings and Queens of England. Ladybird publishes the very best books for babies and toddlers - colourful and engaging, they encourage early interaction with books and the wider world. Watch your little one have fun and learn with

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More than 1,200 years of ruling British monarchs — from Alfred the Great (871-899) to Elizabeth II (1952-). Background scenes evoke dramatic highlights of each era. 30 illustrations. A guide to the British monarchy from the early Saxons to Elizabeth II.

A copiously illustrated guide to the monarchs of the British Isles and Ireland from pre-Saxon times to the present, complete with concise genealogical charts and details of key historical events. The book is divided into five sections, together with a Compendium at the end. Part One, presents information about Pre-Saxon rule, including details about ancient British chiefs, Roman rulers and the Roman Conquest. Part Two provides information about Scotland, Ireland and Wales, with sections on Robert I and the Wars of Independence, The Union of the Crowns, the Princes of Wales and the High Kingship of Ireland. Part Three discusses the Saxons, Normans and Plantagenets. Part Four gives details about the Tudors and Stuarts. Part Five presents an in-depth discussion of the houses from Hanover to Windsor. Parts Two to Five provide all the essential information you will need to know about Kings and Queens including details of birth, parents, accession to the throne, coronation, authority, personal status, death date and burial place for each monarch. In addition an overview is given for each reign outlining major events and personal tragedies, war, celebrations and conspiracies. A catalogue of the ailments of Britain's monarchs of from Edward the Confessor to Victoria,

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written by a surgeon. Using the most up-to-date research, Brewer interprets historic accounts of symptoms, odd behaviour and murder to identify the cause of death for each monarch, including new diagnoses for the conditions of Queen Anne and George III. The book concludes with a location list of royal tombs.

A record of Britain's kings and queens who have ruled all, or part of, Britain covering more than 1000 monarchs and 2000 years of history. It includes the host of tribal and Saxon rulers prior to 1066, as well as famous monarchs such as Richard III, Elizabeth I and Charles II; and all the rulers of Scotland and Wales. It provides full details of all the rulers' wives, consorts, pretenders, usurpers and regents, as well as powerful nobles and dignitaries. There is also a listing of royal records such as who are the most, the least, the shortest, the longest, the richest, the poorest and a geographical guide to where all Britain's monarchs lived and died, including their palaces, estates and resting places.

Informally surveys the lives and reigns of England's monarchs, in reverse chronological order from Elizabeth II to Edward the Confessor, and identifies places and buildings associated with each

New edition of the drama and history of Britain's royal lineage from the Saxons to the Windsors Don't know your Albert from your Ethelred? Or which Henry had six wives, and which was crowned at eight years old? Kings & Queens of England and Scotland is the essential guide that will help you sort your Tudors from your Stuarts, and discover how each monarch helped to shape the country we live in today. Easy to read biographies of each sovereign highlight key dates and achievements and family trees illustrate relations and ancestors - this new edition includes noteworthy recent events in the Royal Family including the birth of Prince George

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Alexander Louis. Kings & Queens of England and Scotland is suitable for those just beginning their journey into royal history or for those who simply want to check their facts for the pub quiz.

This is one in a series of four books which looks at Britain's monarchy over more than a thousand years of history.

Here is the whole of recorded British royal history, from the legendary King Alfred the Great onwards, including the monarchies of England, Scotland, Wales and the United Kingdom for over a thousand years. Fascinating portraits are expertly woven into a history of division and eventual union of the British Isles - even royals we think most familiar are revealed in a new and sometimes surprising light. This revised and shortened edition of The Mammoth Book of British Kings & Queens includes biographies of the royals of recorded British history, plus an overview of the semi-legendary figures of pre-history and the Dark Ages - an accessible source for students and general readers.

An illustrated history of the Kings and Queens of Scotland

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A historical guide to the British monarchy, from the Saxons to Elizabeth II.

A major re-examination of an important period in British history

This fascinating, full-colour book illustrates and describes all the English

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monarchs since William the Conqueror and all the Scottish monarchs since Robert the Bruce, right up to Queen Elizabeth II. Each spread features a family tree together with biographies of the monarchs and a description of key events of the period. A pull-out poster shows a continuous timeline of all the monarchs in succession, along with the dates of each one's reign.

A short, lively and informative survey of the forty kings and queens of England, from the heroic to the hopeless and from William the Conqueror to the present. There have been many popular 'stuff you learned at school'-type books, of course, but none that has dealt with the Royal Family in such a sweep and certainly none written with such pan. Gimson's Kings and Queens whisks us through the lives of our monarchs, to tell a tale of bastardy, courage, conquest, brutality, vanity, vulgarity, corruption, anarchy, absenteeism, piety, nobility, divorce, execution, civil war, madness, magnificence, profligacy, frugality, philately, abdication, dutifulness, family breakdown and family recovery. Written in Andrew Gimson's inimitable style, this is both primer and refresher for all those people who can never quite remember which were the good and bad Edwards or Henrys, or the reasons so-and-so succeeded to the throne rather than his second cousin. Published in September 2015, which will mark the moment when Elizabeth II will (barring accident or shock abdication) become the longest-

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servicing English monarch, ever, Gimson's Kings and Queens will be the most entertaining and instructive book on the monarchy you will ever read.

Starting with an introduction that sets the scene for the overthrow of the last Anglo-Saxon king, this informative book explores the lives and times of each of the following king and queens. Beginning with William the Conqueror, author Maria Costantino traces the course of the British monarchy dynasty by dynasty, from 1066 to the present day, and to the current queen, Elizabeth II--Back cover.

The historical tradition of the British Monarchy is outlined through the lives of her kings and queens, as well as through the depiction of surrounding rituals and historical events. Despite its reputation as the longest established and most admired in Europe, the story of the English monarchy is punctuated by an ongoing roster of scandals, murders, betrayals, plots, treasons and general mayhem. Since 1066, England has seen three civil wars, six monarchs have been murdered or executed, the throne of England has been usurped four times, and won in battle three times. From the "accidental" murder of William II in 1100, through the excesses of Richard III, Henry VIII and "Bloody" Mary, to the conspiracies surrounding the death of Diana, Princess of Wales in 1997, this accessible and immensely enjoyable book highlights the true personalities and real lives of the individuals honored with the crown of England - and those unfortunate enough to cross their paths.

Examines the history of the British royalty from 1066 to the present, including biographical sketches and tidbits of information on such interesting figures as Lady Jane Grey and Henry VIII.

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