

Somerset Kings England

Many who have a passing interest in English history know of the kings: the Lancastrian usurper, Henry IV; the great warrior-king, Henry V; and the monkish monarch, Henry VI. Some also know of the fair Yorkist king, Edward IV, and his fated son, Edward V - the Prince in the Tower. Many more know of the Yorkist usurper, Richard III, and his Tudor nemesis, the last Lancastrian claimant, Henry VII. But what about the other key individuals of fifteenth century England? Most have heard of the "Kingmaker," even if they forget that he was Sir Richard de Neville, Earl of Warwick. But who was Little Fauconberg? Who was Hotspur, and how did he get his nickname? Who were the Beauforts, illegitimate descendents of Edward III (through his son, John of Gaunt), and how did they impact the history of England so significantly? Who was the "Butcher of England" and how did such an erudite and sophisticated man earn such an inglorious title? Why was Sir Richard de Beauchamp, also an Earl of Warwick, called the "Father of Courtesy" and the "Son of Chivalry"? What brought the educated and wealthy Owain Glyn Dwr, the last Welsh Prince of Wales, to the point of rebellion? Was Queen Margaret the "she-wolf of Anjou," or just a fiercely devoted wife and mother? Was Sir Richard Plantagenet, Duke of York, the guardian of good government, or a self-serving, aristocratic snob bent on snatching the throne of England? Who was the "English Achilles," how did he earn such a sobriquet, and how did his end mark the ending of the Hundred Years War? Who were the Nevilles and the Percys, and how did a minor family feud start the Wars of the Roses? Who were the other squires, knights, barons, earls, and dukes that contributed so much to the history of fifteenth century England, but who seem mostly forgotten today? Come, plumb the depths of the people of that far gone time. For the answers all lie within these pages. Within is a brief biography of many of the more important personages, regardless of aristocratic rank. Included are parents, spouses, children, and other familial relationships, plus titles and offices, family coats-of-arms, and where readily available, family badges, livery, and battle standards. To further enrich the background, some supplemental sections have been added. These include a glossary of titles and offices, definition of selected heraldic terms, and a brief timeline of fifteenth century England.

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.

Glitteringly detailed and engagingly written, the magisterial Elizabeth I brings to vivid life the golden age of sixteenth-century England and the uniquely fascinating monarch who presided over it. A woman of intellect and presence, Elizabeth was the object of extravagant adoration by her contemporaries. She firmly believed in the divine providence of her sovereignty and exercised supreme authority over the intrigue-laden Tudor court and Elizabethan England at large. Brilliant, mercurial, seductive, and maddening, an inspiration to artists and adventurers and the subject of vicious speculation over her choice not to marry, Elizabeth became the most powerful ruler of her time. Anne Somerset has immortalized her in this splendidly illuminating account. **BONUS MATERIAL:** This ebook edition includes an excerpt from Anne Somerset's *Queen Anne*.

The Complete Genealogy

Edward VI: The protectorship of the Duke of Somerset

Bloody British History: Somerset

Queen Anne

Kings and Queens of England and Scotland

The Uncrowned Kings of England

The first book-length account of the Dudley family of England highlights this controversial Tudor-era family that engaged in ruthless power plays, juicy scandals, and treasonous acts in the tempestuous sixteenth century.

Compares the historical kings with their portrayal in Shakespeare's plays

Horrors of the caves! The ghastly true story of the Cheddar cannibals! Twilight of the Empire!

Romans, Saxons and the legends of King Arthur! Swords against the Vikings! The Somerset heroes who defied the Norse hordes! Martyrs, murderers, pirates and mad scientists –

Somerset 's strangest residents revealed! Death storm! The terrible toll of the Great Storm of 1703! Spies in Somerset! Containing more than two thousand years of Somerset history, thrill to stunning true stories of battles and bloodshed, executions and exorcisms, sinister Templars and Victorian sex cults! With more than 60 illustrations plus an eight-page colour section, you ' ll never see the county in the same way again!

The Royal Compendium

The Politics of Passion

A Royal History of England and Scotland

The Mammoth Book of British Kings & Queens

An Illustrated History

Kings and Queens of England

In January 1547 Henry VIII lay dying. His heir was just 9 years old and all England waited expectantly to see who would hold the reins of power until Edward VI came of age. Within days of Henry's death, the privy council overturned the terms of his will and Edward Seymour, Duke of Somerset was named Lord Protector. It was a decision that the men in power would come to regret. For nearly three years, Somerset was 'king in all but name', the most powerful man in England. But though he was a skilled soldier and leader on the battlefield, Somerset's political skills were not so well-honed. His single-mindedness and his overbearing attitude towards the privy councillors alienated the very men whose support he most needed. When they lost patience with him, the scene was set for conflict. Despite energetic opposition, his religious reform was his greatest success and the establishment of the Book of Common Prayer, which laid the foundation of the Anglican Church, was to be his most enduring achievement. However, his efforts to lessen the authoritarian rule imposed by Henry VIII and to improve the well-being of the common folk led to widespread rebellion, and as his attempt to subdue the Scots failed, England faced war with France. To the people Edward Seymour

was the 'Good Duke'. To his fellow councillors he was a traitor. This is a story of Tudor ambition, power and the ultimate price of failure.

Spanning the most turbulent and dramatic years of English history—from the 1520s through 1650—*Quarrel with the King* tells the remarkable saga of one of the greatest families in English history, the Pembrokes, following their glamorous trajectory across three generations of change, ambition, resistance, and war. With vivid color and fascinating detail, acclaimed historian Adam Nicolson recounts the story of a century-long power struggle between England's richest family and the English Crown—a fascinating study of divided loyalties, corruption, rights and privilege, and all the ambiguities involved in the exercise and maintenance of power and status.

The birth of Edward on October 12, 1537, ended his father's twenty-seven-year wait for an heir. Nine years later, Edward was on the throne, a boy-king in a court where manipulation, treachery, and plotting were rife. Henry VIII's death in January 1547 marked the end of a political giant whose reign had dominated his kingdom with an iron grip for thirty-eight years. Few could remember an England without him---certainly little had remained untouched: the monasteries and friaries had been ripped down, the Pope's authority discarded, and new authoritarian laws had been introduced that placed his subjects under constant fear of death. Edward came to the throne promising a new start; the harsh legislation of his father's was repealed and the country's social and economic problems approached with greater sensitivity. Yet the early hope and promise he offered soon turned sour. Despite the terms of Henry's will, real power had gone to just one man---the Protector, Edward's uncle, the Duke of Somerset, and there were violent struggles for power, headed by the duke's own brother, Thomas Seymour. Chris Skidmore reveals how the countrywide rebellions of 1549 were orchestrated by the plotters at court and were all connected to the burning issue of religion: Henry VIII had left England in a religious limbo. Court intrigue, deceit, and treason very nearly plunged the country into civil war. The stability that the Tudors had sought to achieve came close to being torn apart in the six years of Edward's reign. Even today, the two dominant figures of the Tudor period are held to be Henry VIII and Elizabeth I. Yet Edward's reign is equally

important. His reign was one of dramatic change and tumult, yet many of the changes that were instigated during this period---certainly in terms of religious reformation---not only exceeded Henry's ambitions but have endured for over four centuries since Edward's death in 1553.

An Essay

The Lost King of England

The Black History of the Dudleys and the Tudor Throne

The Affair of the Poisons

Somerset ... Fully revised and edited by E.T. Long, etc. pp.

x. 308. 1968

Ladies in Waiting

The Affair of the Poisons, as it became known, was an extraordinary episode that took place in France during the reign of Louis XIV. When poisoning and black magic became widespread, arrests followed. Suspects included those among the highest ranks of society. Many were tortured and numerous executions resulted. The 1676 torture and execution of the Marquise de Brinvilliers marked the start of the scandal which rocked the foundations of French society and sent shock waves through all of Europe. Convicted of conspiring with her adulterous lover to poison her father and brothers in order to secure the family fortune, the marquise was the first member of the noble class to fall. In the French court of the period, where sexual affairs were numerous, ladies were not shy of seeking help from the murkier elements of the Parisian underworld, and fortune-tellers supplemented their dubious trade by selling poison. It was not long before the authorities were led to believe that Louis XIV himself was at risk. With the police chief of Paris police alerted, every hint of danger was investigated. Rumors abounded and it was not long before the King ordered the setting up of a special commission to investigate the poisonings and bring offenders to justice. No one, the King decreed, no matter how grand, would be spared having to account for their conduct. The royal court was soon thrown into disarray. The Mistress of the Robes and a distinguished general were among the early suspects. But they paled into insignificance when the King's mistress was incriminated. If, as was said, she had engaged in vile Satanic rituals and had sought to poison a rival for the King's affections, what was Louis XIV to do? Anne Somerset has gone back to original sources, letters and earlier accounts of the affair. By the end of her account, she reaches firm conclusions on various crucial matters. The Affair of the Poisons is an enthralling account of a sometimes bizarre period in French history.

'Kings & Queens' is the essential guide to the kings and queens of

England and Scotland, their families, courtiers and friends, their enemies, places and pageants. The key events of English history - the Battle of Hastings, the Spanish Armada, the Civil War - are presented alongside the private lives of each monarch. The parallel history of the Scottish monarchy - from Kenneth MacAlpin in 843 to James VI in 1603 - is described in detail, while events in Wales and Ireland are also featured. Chronology boxes reveal the major events of each monarch's reign, and at-a-glance family trees show the line of succession to the throne over the centuries.

The first archaeological guide to all of the royal tombs of the British Isles

The King's England. [With Plates and Maps.].

Edward VI

The Kings and Queens of England and Great Britain Colouring Book
Squires, Knights, Barons, Kings

Britain's Royal Families

Edward Seymour: Lord Protector

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 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.

Somerset v. Stewart (GB, 1772) is one of the most important slave cases in Anglo-American law. Brought by English opponents of slavery, the case led to the liberation of James Somerset, a Virginia slave, whose master, Charles Stewart, had brought to England. This pamphlet contains the arguments made by counsel for Somerset. In this case Lord Chief Justice Mansfield ruled that no one could be held as a slave in England because slavery could only be established by positive law. This was narrower than the arguments made here, and lacked the eloquence of the claim by Somerset's attorneys that the "air of England was too pure for a slave to breathe." Nevertheless, the arguments here combined with Mansfield's opinion effectively doomed slavery in England, and set the stage for ending slavery in the North. Some scholars also argue that Somerset helped push slaveowners in the Southern colonies to support the Revolution (which started three years later) because they believed

that Somerset would lead to the total abolition of slavery in the British Empire. In the United States opponents of slavery would draw on Mansfield 's decision and the arguments here in their legal, political, and rhetorical attacks on American slavery.

Follows the power struggle surrounding Edward focusing on Lord Protector Somerset's dominance and subsequent downfall with the 1549 coup d'etat. Important developments in contemporary thought, culture, and political, economic, social, and religious issues and debates are underlined.

Shakespeare's Kings

The Great Plays and the History of England in the Middle Ages:
1337-1485

The Kings and Queens of Britain

a history of court life from the Tudors to the present day

Lives of the Bachelor Kings of England

Notes & Queries for Somerset and Dorset

"The novel's sweeping historic detail and bewitching blend of rivalries and romances will dazzle devotees of Tudor England" - Publishers Weekly After the tragic romance of Jane the Quene, this second book in The Seymour Saga trilogy takes a dark turn through an era in which King Henry VIII descends into cynicism, suspicion and fits of madness - and in which mistakes mean death. Edward Seymour's future is uncertain. Although his sister Jane bore Henry the son he'd sought for twenty years, when she died in childbirth, Henry's good nature died with her. Now the fiercely ambitious Edward must carve a difficult path through Henry's shifting principles and wives. Challenged at every turn by his nemesis, Bishop Stephen Gardiner, Edward must embrace ruthlessness in order to safeguard not only his own future but England's as well. This is the account of Henry's tumultuous reign, as experienced by two enemies whose fierce disagreements over religion and common decency fuel epic struggles for the soul of the nation. And for power.

The second edition of this which will appeal to both students and interested general readers.

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 fascinating 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 & Queens of Britain introduces a thousand-year history, providing rich biographical detail of Britain's remarkable monarchs. The Story of an English Family on the High Road to Civil War Being a Genealogical History of the Monarchs of England, from the Conquest to the Present Time: ... Together with the Descent of the Several Foreign Princes Now Reigning, and of the Several Noble and Eminent Families in England, that are Sprung from the Blood Royal of this Kingdom, Down to the Present Year

Somerset

Shakespeare's English Kings

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War and Politics in Fifteenth Century England

Far more than any professional historian, Shakespeare is responsible for whatever notions most of us possess about English medieval history. Anyone who appreciates the dramatic action of Shakespeare's history plays but is confused by much of the historical detail will welcome this guide to the Richards, Edwards, Henrys, Warwicks and Norfolks who ruled and fought across Shakespeare's page and stage. Not only theater-goers and students, but today's film-goers who want to enrich their understanding of film adaptations of plays such as Richard III and Henry V will find this revised edition of Shakespeare's English Kings to be an essential companion. Saccio's engaging narrative weaves together three threads: medieval English history according to the Tudor chroniclers who provided Shakespeare with his material, that history as understood by modern scholars, and the action of the plays themselves. Including a new preface, a revised further reading list, genealogical charts, an appendix of names and titles, and an index, the second edition of Shakespeare's English Kings offers excellent background reading for all of the ten history plays.

From William the Conqueror and the Normans, through Henry VIII and the Tudors, and all the way up to Elizabeth II and the house of Windsor, this beautifully illustrated book covers all of the kings and queens to have reigned England and Great Britain. With detailed histories of each monarch alongside a full-page image of that king or queen, you'll be learning while you are enjoying colouring in these important people. Take some time away from your everyday life to enjoy colouring these stunning drawings. Use your talents and let your creativity flow with The Kings and Queens of England and Great Britain Colouring Book.

Fascinating and authoritative of Britain's royal families from Henry VIII to Elizabeth I to Queen Victoria, by leading popular historian Alison Weir 'George III is alleged to have married secretly, on 17th April, 1759, a Quakeress called Hannah Lightfoot. If George III did make such a marriage...then his subsequent marriage to Queen Charlotte was bigamous, and every monarch of Britain since has been a usurper, the rightful heirs of George III being his children by Hannah Lightfoot...' Britain's Royal Families provides in one volume, complete genealogical details of all members of the royal houses of England, Scotland and Great Britain - from 800AD to the present. Drawing on countless authorities, both ancient and modern, Alison Weir explores the crown and royal family tree in unprecedented depth and provides a comprehensive guide to the heritage of today's

royal family – with fascinating insight and often scandalous secrets. 'Staggeringly useful... combines solid information with tantalising appetisers.' Mail on Sunday
VISITORS' HISTORIC BRITAIN

Somerset, County of Romantic Splendour

The Victoria History of the County of Somerset

Wherein it is Attempted to Demonstrate the Present Unlawfulness of Domestic Slavery in England : to which is Prefixed a State of the Case

Kings & Queens of England & Scotland

The Royal Tombs of Great Britain

"Edward VI (12 October 1537 ? 6 July 1553) was King of England and Ireland from 28 January 1547 until his death. He was crowned on 20 February at the age of nine.[1] The son of Henry VIII and Jane Seymour, Edward was the third monarch of the Tudor dynasty and England's first monarch raised as a Protestant. During Edward's reign, the realm was governed by a Regency Council, because he never reached his majority."--Wikipedia.

Covers more than 1000 rulers and two millennia of history

'Provides a wealth of juicy anecdotal material about five centuries of court life' New York Times 'Naughty Knickers version of our island story' Daily Mail ----- Ladies in Waiting chronicles the lives of famous and infamous ladies who served royalty, casting a fresh, intimate angle on four hundred years of monarchy. For centuries, the most beautiful, able and aristocratic women in England competed for positions at court. Some who came to serve were remarkable for their learning and exemplary virtue, but others were notable for promiscuity and lack of scruple, drawn to court by a lust for money and power. Several ladies-in-waiting became royal mistresses, showing few qualms about betraying the queen consorts they ostensibly served. If bedding the King was not an option open to all, many ladies came to court in hope of finding husbands, only to succumb to constant assaults on their virtue or to find themselves denied permission by their sovereign to marry. Drawing on an enormous variety of sources, Anne Somerset provides an illuminating guide to the character, profligate or pious, of each court. Contained within the stories of the individual women is a consistently entertaining commentary on the manners, morals and shifting mentality of the royal, the rich, and the prominent throughout the centuries, resulting in social history at its most enjoyable and vibrant.

Elizabeth I

A Genealogical History of the Kings and Queens of England

An Argument in the Case of James Sommersett, a Negro, Lately Determined by the Court of King's Bench

And Monarchs of Great Britain, &c. From the Conquest, Anno 1066. to the Year 1707. In Seven Parts Or Books. Containing a Discourse of Their Several Lives, Marriages, and Issues ; with the Times of Their Births, Deaths, Places of Burial, and Monumental Inscriptions. Also, Their Effigies, Seals, Tombs, Cenotaphs, Devises, Arms, Quarterings, Crests, and Supporters ; All

**Curiously Engraven in Copper-plates. First Publish'd to the Beginning of King Charles the Second's Reign, by Francis Sandford, Esq ; Lancaster Herald of Arms: and Continued to this Time, with Many New Sculptures, Additions, and Annotations ; as Likewise the Descents of Divers Illustrious Families, Now Flourishing, Maternally Descended from the Said Monarchs, Or from Collateral Branches of the Royal Blood of England ; by Samuel Stebbing, Esq ; Somerset Herald
History, Chronicle, and Drama
Edward VI: the Young King**

She ascended the thrones of England, Scotland and Ireland in 1702, at age thirty-seven, Britain's last Stuart monarch, and five years later united two of her realms, England and Scotland, as a sovereign state, creating the Kingdom of Great Britain. She had a history of personal misfortune, overcoming ill health (she suffered from crippling arthritis; by the time she became Queen she was a virtual invalid) and living through seventeen miscarriages, stillbirths, and premature births in seventeen years. By the end of her comparatively short twelve-year reign, Britain had emerged as a great power; the succession of outstanding victories won by her general, John Churchill, the Duke of Marlborough, had humbled France and laid the foundations for Britain's future naval and colonial supremacy. While the Queen's military was performing dazzling exploits on the continent, her own attention—indeed her realm—rested on a more intimate conflict: the female friendship on which her happiness had for decades depended and which became for her a source of utter torment. At the core of Anne Somerset's riveting new biography, published to great acclaim in England ("Definitive"—London Evening Standard; "Wonderfully pacy and absorbing"—Daily Mail), is a portrait of this deeply emotional, complex bond between two very different women: Queen Anne—reserved, stolid, shrewd; and Sarah Churchill, Duchess of Marlborough, wife of the Queen's great general—beautiful, willful, outspoken, whose acerbic wit was equally matched by her fearsome temper. Against a fraught background—the revolution that deposed Anne's father, James II, and brought her to power . . . religious differences (she was born Protestant—her parents' conversion to Catholicism had grave implications—and she grew up so suspicious of the Roman church that she considered its doctrines "wicked and dangerous") . . . violently partisan politics (Whigs versus Tories) . . . a war with France that lasted for almost her entire reign . . . the constant threat of foreign invasion and civil war—the much-admired historian, author of Elizabeth I ("Exhilarating"—The Spectator; "Ample, stylish, eloquent"—The Washington Post Book World), tells the extraordinary story of how Sarah goaded and provoked the Queen beyond endurance, and, after the withdrawal of Anne's favor, how her replacement, Sarah's cousin, the feline Abigail Masham, became the ubiquitous royal confidante and, so Sarah whispered to growing scandal, the object of the Queen's sexual infatuation. To write this remarkably rich and passionate biography, Somerset, winner of the Elizabeth Longford Prize for Historical Biography, has made use of royal archives, parliamentary records, personal correspondence and previously unpublished material. Queen Anne is history on a large scale—a revelation of a centuries-overlooked monarch. Profiles each British monarch, and looks at events, objects, and rituals associated with the British throne

The History of Taunton, in the County of Somerset

The Protectorship of the Duke of Somerset

The Path to Somerset

The King's England ... Edited by A. Mee. [With Plates.]

Murder, Infanticide, and Satanism at the Court of Louis XIV

Quarrel with the King