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Crown & Sceptre - Tracy Borman 2022-02-22
An in-depth look at the British monarchy that's "a superb synthesis of historical analysis, politics, and top-notch royal gossip" (Kirkus Reviews). Since William the Conqueror, duke of Normandy, crossed the English Channel in 1066 to defeat King Harold II and unite England's various kingdoms, forty-one kings and queens have sat on Britain's throne. "Shining examples of royal power and majesty alongside a rogue's

gallery of weak, lazy, or evil monarchs," as Tracy Borman describes them in her sparkling chronicle, *Crown & Sceptre*. Ironically, during very few of these 955 years has the throne's occupant been unambiguously English—whether Norman French, the Welsh-born Tudors, the Scottish Stuarts, and the Hanoverians and their German successors to the present day. Acknowledging the intrinsic fascination with British royalty, Borman lifts the

veil to reveal the remarkable characters and personalities who have ruled and, since the Restoration of the monarchy in 1660, more ceremonially reigned. It is a crucial distinction explaining the staying power of the monarchy as the royal family has evolved and adapted to the needs and opinions of its people, avoiding the storms of rebellion that brought many of Europe's royals to an abrupt end. Richard II; Henry VIII; Elizabeth I; George III; Victoria; Elizabeth II: their names evoke eras and the dramatic events Borman recounts. She is equally attuned to the fabric of monarchy: royal palaces; the way monarchs have been portrayed in art, on coins, in the media; the ceremony and pageantry surrounding the crown. Elizabeth II is already one of the longest reigning monarchs in history. *Crown & Sceptre* is a fitting tribute to her remarkable longevity and that of the magnificent institution she represents. "Crown & Sceptre brings us in

short, vivid chapters from William the Conqueror to Elizabeth herself, much of it constituting a dark record of bumping off adversaries, rivals and spouses, confiscating vast estates and military invasions.... [A] lucid, character-rich book."

—Minneapolis Star-Tribune

"Borman's deep understanding of English royalty shines."

—Chris Schlupe, Amazon

Editors' Picks, The Best History Books of February 2022

[Britain's Kings and Queens](#) -

Sir George Bellew 1974

A collection of short biographies of British kings and queens from the 9th century to the 20th century.

The Windsor Dynasty 1910

to the Present - Matthew

Glencross 2016-12-01

This book explores the recreation and subsequent development of the British Monarchy during the twentieth century. Contributors examine the phenomenon of modern monarchy through an exploration of the establishment and the continuing impact of the

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Windsor dynasty both within Britain and the wider world, to interrogate the reasons for its survival into the twenty-first century. The successes (and failures) of the dynasty and the implications of these for its long-term survival are assessed from the perspectives of constitutional, political, diplomatic and socio-cultural history. Emphasis is placed on the use of symbols and tradition, and their reinvention, and public reactions to their employment by the Windsors, including the evidence provided by opinion polls. Starting with George V, and including darker times such as the challenge of the abdication of Edward VIII, this collection considers how far this reign was a key transition in how the British royal family has perceived itself and its role through examination of the repackaging for mass consumption via the media of a range of state occasions from coronations to funerals, as well as modernization of its relations with the military.

Divorced, Beheaded, Died... -

Kevin Flude 2010-11-04
The tales of the various monarchs of Britain are some of the most interesting in our history. From Henry VIII and his six wives and Edward VIII's abdication to some of our lesser known and mythical monarchs such as King Arthur, Divorced, Beheaded, Died . . . takes you on a gallop through the history of Britain's monarchs from the legendary King Brutus, through the houses of Tudor and Stuart, and up to the Windsors, including the major monarchs of Scotland and Wales. Discover the sticky end that befell Edward II, the story of the teenage queen of England who reigned for less than a fortnight, and find out whether Macbeth really was a king of Scotland. Presented in an accessible, chronological format, Divorced, Beheaded, Died. . . will fill all those gaps in your history knowledge, together with some fascinating and amusing facts that are guaranteed to entertain any history enthusiast.

Great Britain's Royal Tombs -

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Michael Thomas Barry 2012
WINNER of the 2013
International Book Awards in
the General History category!
**A History of English Place
Names and Where They
Came From** - John Moss
2020-05-30

The origin of the names of many English towns, hamlets and villages date as far back as Saxon times, when kings like Alfred the Great established fortified borough towns to defend against the Danes. A number of settlements were established and named by French Normans following the Conquest. Many are even older and are derived from Roman placenames. Some hark back to the Vikings who invaded our shores and established settlements in the eighth and ninth centuries. Most began as simple descriptions of the location; some identified its founder, marked territorial limits, or gave tribal people a sense of their place in the grand scheme of things. Whatever their derivation, placenames are inextricably bound up in our history and

they tell us a great deal about the place where we live.
Concise Guide to Wine and Blind Tasting, second edition -
Neel Burton 2016-06-08
This book is for all those seeking to acquire a deep and systematic appreciation and understanding of wine, whether for exams, work, or pleasure. It outlines a simple yet robust framework for analyzing wine as objectively as possible, and provides all the background knowledge that you need to interpret your findings, covering everything from grape varieties and vineyard management to winemaking techniques and the world's most important wine styles. It seeks throughout to examine in what ways a particular wine is unique and different from other, similar wines. For example, why and in what ways is Pauillac, in Bordeaux, different from Pomerol, also in Bordeaux? Why and in what ways is Mosel Riesling different from Riesling from the Rheingau, or the Nahe, or Alsace, Austria, or Australia?

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This book is dedicated to all wine lovers, and should prove particularly useful to amateur and competitive blind tasters, students on higher-level wine courses, sommeliers, and anyone else who buys, sells, or recommends wine.

Contract Bridge for Beginners - Charles Goren 1971-04-15

Here is the first book on Contract Bridge for beginners which introduces them at once to the generally accepted Point Count method of bidding used by the experts. Written by the leading authority, the foremost teacher, and the most successful bridge player in the world, it will prove a boon to the novice and the average bridge player alike.

General Guide to the Crystal Palace and to Its Gardens and Park - Francis Kingston John Shenton 1886

The Churchill Companion - The Churchill Centre 2015-06-30

A fact-packed reference for anyone interested in the great twentieth-century statesman—with contributions

from more than two dozen Churchill experts. This revised and expanded edition of The Churchill Companion offers twenty-eight categories of ready-reference information on the life and times of Sir Winston S. Churchill for students, scholars, and researchers, together with links for further reference. It includes: A hundred-year timeline of Churchill's life Lists of his books and books about him Information on elections The family tree Churchill's military positions, offices, and honors A glossary of Parliamentary and political terms Lists of British governments, prime ministers and sovereigns, and other British political facts are also highlighted in this handy, fact-filled reference.

Kings & Queens - Richard Cavendish 2006-10-05

The lives and personalities of monarchs as well as their involvement in and effect on major events of each age and the world at large are detailed in a comprehensive resource that also features more than

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350 photographs, archive illustrations, and maps.

[The Limits of State Power in Africa](#) - Georges/Sembe Bakaly 2006-11

Britain's Royal Families - Alison Weir 2011-04-18

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

The Kings and Queens of Britain - Cath Senker 2021-08-15

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

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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.

Royalty Who Wait - Olga S. Opfell 2001-06-01

Only seven European monarchies remain intact today; all are constitutional monarchies. Four empires and 16 kingdoms have disappeared in Europe during the last two centuries. The Bourbon kingdom in France vanished first, in 1830; the Greek kingdom most recently, in 1973. Former sovereigns still consider themselves to be kings. Princes, dukes and counts remain, possessed of far-reaching connections to

currently reigning monarchs. For some of them the path to headship of the royal houses has been complicated, taking many twists and turns. Two world wars caused the greatest attrition in monarchies. Exile has been bitter for some, happier for others, but in and out of exile the heads of royal families live well. Many are successful in business and as financiers. Many are enthusiastic followers of sports. Some manage large estates; others are still trying to regain royal properties. The chapters are arranged in the chronological order in which the kingdoms disappeared. This book profiles twenty-one heads of formerly regnant houses of Europe, set in historical perspective, and recounting varied life styles, occupations, and interests. At the end of each chapter is a chart or set of charts depicting the line of succession of the headship of the house.

A Time-Line of Fifteenth Century England - 1398 to 1509 - Wm. E. Baumgaertner 2009-09-11

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"A Timeline of Fifteenth Century England" covers the broad stretch between the Edwards of the fourteenth century, and the Tudors of the sixteenth. It begins with the Lancastrian usurpation, and ends with the death of the first Tudor King. Packed in between, the throne of England was usurped six times, England was invaded seven times by Englishmen, several times by the French, and some dozen times by the Scots. The fifteenth century saw the last phase of the Hundred Years War -- a heroic and frustrating thirty-five year struggle -- and the entire Wars of the Roses -- another thirty-five years of internecine bloodshed, including the bloodiest battle ever fought on English soil. Three different dynasties ruled England, by seven different kings, including the shortest reign of an English king since the Norman invasion. Meanwhile, English kings began to use English as the preferred written language, and the first book was printed in England. Parliament grew

particularly strong, the King became a Constitutional Monarch, and England transformed from late medievalism into a reformation that led to the Renaissance. All this occurred during periods of corruption and chaos, murder and mayhem, treachery and betrayal, and war and rebellion, interspersed with occasional periods of peace and prosperity. It has been said that no King can rule the English for long without fighting a war, and the fifteenth century proves the point. Within these pages lies a timeline documenting all the key events and contrasting personalities of this turbulent period, from beginning to end.

The Tudors - Jane Bingham
2017-07-31

The Tudors were an unforgettable dynasty who wielded absolute power during a remarkably turbulent time in English history. Each ruler's survival required a fierce struggle to maintain control - often against incredible odds. From Henry VII, England's last king to win the crown in battle,

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and the tyrannical Henry VIII with his succession of wives, to the fiercely Catholic 'Bloody Mary', and her sister, Elizabeth, the 'Virgin queen', Jane Bingham examines just how fairly history has treated these Tudor rulers. Both as politicians and as individuals, it is no wonder these larger-than-life monarchs still capture our imaginations today.

Debating Women, Politics, and Power in Early Modern Europe - S. Jansen 2008-04-14

The sixteenth century was an age of politically powerful women. Queens, acting in their own right, and female regents, acting on behalf of their male relatives, governed much of Western Europe. Yet even as women ruled - and ruled effectively - their right to do so was hotly contested. Men's voices have long dominated this debate, but the recovery of texts by women now allows their voices, long silenced, to be heard once again. *Debating Women, Politics, and Power in Early Modern Europe* is a study of texts and textual production in the construction of gender,

society, and politics in the early modern period. Jansen explores the "gynecocracy" debate and the larger humanist response to the challenge posed by female sovereignty.

The Tudor Kings and Queens - Alex Woolf 2016-06-02

Tudor Kings and Queens is the ideal, handy guide to what is a perennially popular era in British history. Beginning with the accession to the English throne of Henry VII, the author guides the reader through a succession of monarchs, who also included the infamous King Henry VIII, Mary I, Edward VI and Elizabeth I. Identifying the key moments of their reigns, from insurrections to their handling of foreign policy to their many marriages, Alex Woolf clarifies the way in which these kings and queens governed their realm and what they had to deal with. It's the perfect companion for anyone who enjoys historical drama and wants to know more about one of the most intriguing royal dynasties.

Kings & Queens - Neil Grant 2004-10

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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.

[Kings and Queens of England and Scotland \(Revised\)](#) -

Perfection Learning Corporation 2011

From the first Saxon king to today's Prince Charles, this compact visual guide conveys the drama and history of Britain's royal lineage. Over 100 color illustrations.

The Concise Guide to Kings and Queens - Peter Gibson 1985

Squires, Knights, Barons, Kings - Wm. E. Baumgaertner 2010

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

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- 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.

[A Concise Chronicle of the Kings and Queens of Ancient Egypt](#) - Bernard Badham

2015-03-26

A Concise Chronicle of the Kings and Queens of Ancient Egypt NEW KINGDOM PERIOD 18th Dynasty Including the Princes and Princesses, Royal Titles, Family Trees and Time Lines A unique concise guide to the Pharaohs and Queens of the 18th Dynasty, which includes the Royal family members, the princes and princesses. Full cartouche and inscription translations are given allowing a greater understanding. Time lines and family trees to help the reader gain a better insight into the royal family relationships. The index contains an explanatory list of the royal titles and offices.

Royal Misbehavior - David

Randall 1989

Anecdotes feature the bizarre behavior of hundreds of monarchs from around the world, recounting the eccentricities of the likes of Kublai Khan and Princess Michael of Kent

[The Kings and Queens of Britain](#) - John Cannon

2009-03-26

This authoritative and accessible guide to the British monarchy spans the Romano-British rulers of 55 BC to the present day House of Windsor. Generously illustrated with maps, photos, paintings, and genealogies, it contains a wealth of information on the rulers of Britain, including their policies, personalities, key dates, and legacies. There are almost 600 entries, which are organised by regions up to 1066 and by royal lines thereafter. Feature articles throughout the guide provide in-depth information on key royal topics, including Coronations, Regalia, the Tower of London, and - new to this edition - Westminster Abbey and St Paul's Cathedral.

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Revised and updated to include recent events, such as the second marriage of Prince Charles, this new edition also contains a topical introductory article on the changing role of the monarchy. There is a useful glossary, a list of recommended further reading, and a new appendix of recommended web links, accessed and kept up to date via a companion website. Comprehensive and elegantly written, this fascinating guide to the British monarchy is an essential reference resource for teachers and students of British history, and for anyone with an interest in Britain's rulers through the ages.

[A Concise Guide to Bible Prophecy](#) - Stan Guthrie
2013-07-01

A glance at tabloid headlines reveals that we have an almost insatiable desire to see into the future. In our search to know what is to come, many turn to the Bible for answers. Both the Old and the New Testament are loaded with prophets and prophecies. Who were these people who supposedly could predict the future? Have their

prophecies come true? Now readers can get to the bottom of 60 crucial Bible prophecies quickly and easily with [A Concise Guide to Bible Prophecy](#). This accessible handbook will help readers understand prophecies within their biblical context and avoid common misinterpretations. Author Stan Guthrie explains what each prophecy meant to those who first received it, summarizes what it means for us today, and provides verses or passages for further individual or group study.

[Concise Guide to Tarot](#) - Gabriele Mandel 1994

[Historical Dictionary of the British Monarchy](#) - James Panton 2011-02-24

The [Historical Dictionary of the British Monarchy](#) provides a chronology starting with the year 495 and continuing to the present day, an introductory essay, an extensive bibliography, and over 600 cross-referenced dictionary entries on significant persons, places, events, institutions, and other aspects of British culture,

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society, economy, and politics. This book is a must for anyone interested in the British monarchy.

Britain's Kings & Queens -

Michael St John Parker
1990-12-01

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

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

The Monstrous Regiment of Women - S. Jansen 2002-10-17

In *The Monstrous Regiment of Women*, Sharon Jansen explores the case for and against female rule by examining the arguments made by theorists from Sir John Fortescue (1461) through Bishop Bossuet (1680) interweaving their arguments with references to the most well-known early modern queens. The 'story' of early modern European political history looks very different if, instead of focusing on kings and their sons, we see successive generations of powerful women and the shifting political alliances of the period from a very different, and revealing, perspective.

The Concise Guide to Sounding Smart at Parties - David

Matalon 2006-10-10

Banish awkward silences, boring weather talk, or (worst of all) the embarrassing

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conversation gaff with this pithy, hilarious guide to effortless party banter. We've all been there. You're at a party, surrounded by the most important people in your life. You're cool. You're casual. You're witty and urbane. Until suddenly, quite unexpectedly, things take a turn for the worse when a subject thought to be common knowledge is lobbed your way. A hush falls over the room and every head seems to swivel expectantly in your direction. [ART: SET THESE OFF IN A DIFFERENT COLOR?] "Rasputin. Sure, Rasputin. The Russian guy, right? Who . . . who . . . whooooo was Russian." "Che Guevara? You mean the dancer?" "Oh my God! Mao Tse-tung? They have the best chicken with cashews!" The Concise Guide to Sounding Smart at Parties was written with just this moment in mind. In fourteen pain-free, laughter-filled chapters, authors David Matalon and Chris Woolsey brush away years of cobwebs on subjects as wide-ranging as the typical round of Jeopardy:

war, science, politics, philosophy, the arts, business, literature, music, religion, and more. Armed with The Concise Guide to Sounding Smart at Parties, you'll know that Chicago Seven wasn't a boy band, Martin Luther never fought for civil rights, and Franz Kafka isn't German for "I have a bad cold." You'll be the smart one who's the center of conversation—and nothing beats that feeling.

The Oak and Serpent - Gary B.

O'Sullivan, M.d. 2007-10

A definitive history of the illustrious O'Sullivan clan, including new information concerning the true meaning of the name. The O'Sullivan tartan and the O'Sullivan battle flag are introduced and a detailed account of the O'Sullivan MacCragh sept of Dunderry Castle is provided.

Gwynne's Kings and Queens

- Nevile Gwynne 2018-05-10

Do you know your Kings and Queens of England by heart? Can you tell your Ethelred from your Ethelbert? Your Marcia from your Matilda? Well, passionate educator Mr

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Gwynne is back - and this time he is taking on the entirety of British history - so you will never be in the dark again. Within the pages of this little gem - bursting with our small island's rich past - he teaches us the history of England through her remarkable monarchs. It is Mr Gwynne's belief that a certain amount of what you might read in other history books may well be wrong. It is his aim to show you why. Concise, thorough and utterly fascinating, this is the perfect book to be enjoyed by young and old, to be read at a time when, for many, harking back to our rich past seems much more preferable than living in the dreary present. And when it comes to the benefits of education, Mr Gwynne is never wrong!

The Mammoth Book of British Kings & Queens - Mike Ashley
1999-09

Covers more than 1000 rulers and two millennia of history

King George VI - Hourly History 2017-04-13

In Britain the phrase 'an heir and a spare' refers to the

imperative for members of the royal family to provide both an heir to take on their title and a spare. In this equation King George VI was 'the spare', the second son of King George V and Mary, and never expected to sit on the throne. King George VI, or Albert as he was known prior to his kingship, had a career in the Royal Navy and served during the First World War before King Edward VIII's decision to abdicate his throne. Determined to restore the British Royal Family in the eyes of the people, King George VI played a pivotal role in the victory of the allied nations in the Second World War. Inside you will read about... □ Early Years □ Prince Albert in the Navy □ The Great War □ The Reign and Abdication of King Edward VIII □ Becoming King George VI □ The Second World War □ Post-War Years And much more! King George VI ruled long enough to oversee the tumultuous post-war years in Britain, the collapse of the British Empire and the emergence of the

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Commonwealth. Succeeded by his daughter Elizabeth at just 55 years old, King George VI had a deep sense of honor and duty and was completely dedicated to his turbulent role as King.

Monarchies - Diane Marczely Gimpel 2011

Introduces monarchies, discussing the social, political, economic, religious, and cultural effects, and examining various contemporary governments.

Kings & Queens - Richard Cavendish 2007-10-17

Now in a new handy-format, this fully comprehensive guide offers insight into Britains monarchs and their chequered histories, from pre-Roman times to the present day.

Readers will explore the lives and personalities of each monarch, their involvement in and effect on events in their reign. This stunning book includes additional information on the spirit, traditions and innovations of the nation at the time, including politics, arts, architecture and fashions making this a magnificent

visual feast guaranteed to bring history alive for readers of all ages, through exciting narrative, renowned paintings and rare archive photographs.

The Concise Guide to Kings and Queens - Peter Gibson 1985

Provides brief descriptions of the lives and accomplishments of more than 600 rulers of European nations

A Brief History of British Kings & Queens - Mike Ashley 2014-03-27

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

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history, plus an overview of the semi-legendary figures of pre-

history and the Dark Ages - an accessible source for students and general readers.