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A highly readable account of one of the great eras of history, a time that witnessed the Great Fire of London and the plague, as well as the age of Shakespeare, Bacon and Raleigh, the Reformation, exploration, and victory over the Spanish Armada.

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?? Åndi ??? says

Decent book for a Tudor Enthusiast like myself or anyone who wants to learn about that era in an abridged way. It's a quick read that just gives the main gist of each of the monarchs, so don't expect it to go full on encyclopedia.

My only problem with this book is the timeline and how the events are arranged. The monarchs are arranged in order but the events within each reign is not. The narrative goes back and forth which can seem a bit messy and confusing at times. I think the author could have done a bit better in the editing of her paragraphs. But other than that, it was a good book.

Fran Parsons says

Good general overview of this family and their reign.

Changey Mcsubject says

I really enjoyed this. I am a Tudor enthusiast, but still found I learned some new things in this one. Especially with the less famous Tudors like Henry VII and his grandson Edward. A quick and enjoyable read for any Tudor fan.

Karen says

Very good book. Gives a nice overview of the Tudors. It does not go into huge detail, which is great if you just want to know the general stuff about them. Very well written, easy read. I definitely recommend this book.

Amy says

This is a very basic account of the Tudor era. It was very easy to read, and would be good for someone who doesn't know much about it and wants an overview. For those of us who know a lot about it, some of the more interesting details were merely glossed over. It reminded me of a book that could be used for a high school class on the Tudor era which spanned from the reign of Henry VII through Elizabeth I. Admittedly I am currently learning about the era of Henry VII--so that was the only part of the book that I had not read as extensively about. I found it entertaining, but then I love the Tudors.

Camy Simone says

Excellent overview of the reign of The Tudors. Gives just enough detail to really portray the lives and time of this period, while not losing interest of the reader with too much detail. I would definately recommend this book. A great read!

Adriane Devries says

Royals are fascinating. They seem to get away with the craziest of things, feats of tyranny and wealth and even terror, simply for being born in the proper family. The Tudor family of England, in particular, perhaps best known for fat King Henry VIII and his many wives, or possibly the extravagant collars and wigs of his famously unmarried daughter, Queen Elizabeth, ruled for almost two centuries and not only made for wonderfully scandalous headlines, but also managed to carve a world leader out of an otherwise insignificant island nation. Known for their pomp, intelligence and dramatic twists of power-play at court, they nevertheless ruled the country with unprecedented determination and insight.

Jane Bingham's thorough account traces the royal lineage from end of the War of the Roses through one hundred and fifty years of prosperity, additionally providing delectable details of personal practices and foibles. We like to think royals, for all their celebrity, are human like ourselves. How else can we explain why they would apply poison on their skin and into their eyes to improve their looks in old age; why would they marry off a precious daughter to an infant son of an ugly cousin; or why they would sooner kill a nephew than raise him when his father dies in battle? Ironically, insecurity seems only magnified by royalty. The higher one wishes to climb, the more brutal the stakes to those around them, yet for all their outlandish behavior, the Tudors thrust England onto the world stage as a contentious naval and political force, securing it as the future world leader of culture and trade.

Luis Barrios M.D. says

Excellent

Easy to read and entertaining, very well documented and enticing to read more about the history of England and Scotland

Vicki Cline says

This is an overview of the Tudor dynasty, starting from the end of the Wars of the Roses, with Edward IV and Richard III, through the final days of Elizabeth I's reign. There are lots of interesting portraits and photographs to illustrate the text.

Alyson Stone says

Book: The Tudors: The Kings and Queens of England's Golden Age

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Rating: 4 Out 5 Stars

So, this another book I got with an Amazon ebook credit...The last one actually... It was on sale for \$0.99 and it still may be. I'm not sure, but it is a nice book to add your collection if you are a fan of the Tudors. It is a short read, but it does provide a wonderful snapshot of the Tudor kings and queens.

The book is in order of the monarchs reign. We start with Henry VII, who ruled right after the messy and complex conflict known as the War of the Roses. By the way, you don't have to know a lot about the War of the Roses to read this one. Then, we jump into Henry VIII, Edward VI, Jane Grey, Mary I, and Elizabeth I. It is a lot and it is crammed into a book that is less than three hundred pages. However, I do think that Jane does a wonderful job of condensing each reign and given each monarch a chance to shine...Well, I guess they all didn't shine.

Jane's writing is simple and doesn't read at all like a textbook. I found myself flying through the pages. Though, not all of the events in the monarchs reign was in order and there was some jumping around. Still, it doesn't take away the fact that this would be a hardy desk reference book to have.

Not only was there information about the Tudors, but little tid bits about other things that were happening around the country. These pages were well done and really added to what life was like in England during each monarch's reign. I really enjoyed the bit on Tudor medicine and Hans Holbein, Henry VIII's painter. I also enjoyed the pictures and how they really set the scene.

Now, once again, this is not a detailed read on the Tudors. It does not mean that it is a bad book to have in your Tudor collection. If you are looking for a quick guide to the Tudor monarchs, then I strongly encourage you to pick up this book. It really is a nice overview of the Tudors.

Laurel says

This is a quick and enjoyable read, especially for those who are looking for a pared down historical recount of the events and personalities of the Tudor era. Each Tudor monarch receives his or her own individual chapter, and each is linked together with emphasis put on the ever important and recurring theme of who shall inherit the crown, and how will it be passed on. This book can serve as a handy reference book if you are looking for basic information about the Tudor monarchs, their spouses, lovers, and personalities who served them, or committed treason against them. There are no footnotes, and no bibliography, which I found disappointing. One feature I particularly liked were individual pages offering information about relevant topics in each chapter, such as a mini-biography of Hans Holbein, who became Henry VIII's court painter, and some extra information on medicine in the Tudor era. It has some black and white reproductions of paintings of each of the monarchs, which some may not have seen previously. The book ends with a short summary of the Tudors' legacy. For those who enjoy historical fiction based on the events of this time period, a very popular era for authors to explore, this book can act as a quick, go-to reference. It does have a table of contents, to facilitate easy use.

Chelsey Ortega says

This is a really good book for beginner Tudor Historians. If you are just starting out on researching the Tudors, this is the book for you! I have already done a lot of research however, and so this book had almost nothing new in it for me. Well, at this point most books on the Tudors don't have anything new in it for me; but the deeper books have different arguments from different historians, and that is what I really like. Looking at the different interpretations and making a decision for myself. This book is simply all fact that barely touches the surface of the Tudor Era. I zoomed through it and felt a little disappointed at the end. But like I said at the beginning of my review, if you are just starting out this is great to understand the basics so that the deeper stuff isn't so confusing. :)

Wendi Ballew says

7.5/10 Stars. A brief history on the Tudor monarchs. Fairly well written, minus some glaring errors. The book states that Lancaster was the white rose and York was the red rose, when in fact it was the reverse. Lancaster is the red rose and York is the white rose. Also, one of the insets claims Lady Margret De La Pole was Elizabeth's Governess when she was in actuality Mary's Governess (a fact it had stated on the previous page, apparently the editors did not notice this mix up on the following page). Besides that, a good albeit brief overview of each monarch.

Myra says

This is a very good foundation book to begin learning about The Tudors.

Rachel McNeil says

Provides a good introduction to the Tudor monarchs and a brief overview of their respective reigns. Sometimes I felt the information was repeated a little, but understood why the author did this.

My nark with this book was the total lack of bibliography, and referencing throughout. There was some quotations from primary sources in the book, but there weren't enough for my liking. I like to have the ability to look up a reference if I choose to.

The style of writing was good, and accessible, easily holding the readers interest. In some places it might not be that clear for a person new to Tudor history, but it is understandable more often than not.

Overall a good book, but not worth £8.99 in my opinion. I think £6.99 would be better.
