

Queens Of Britain

Finalist, American Conference for Irish Studies James S. Donnelly, Sr., Prize for Books on History and Social Sciences *Abject Loyalty* challenges the view that Irish nationalists were necessarily hostile to the British monarchy. During Queen Victoria's reign, royal visits to Ireland were in fact generally met with great enthusiasm. Indeed, the strength of the opposition of some Irish nationalists to the monarchy was a sign of the purchase that it seemed to have on the allegiance of many people within nationalist Ireland. By the 1880s, however, the monarchy had become the focus for British imperial identity in England and for the denial of constitutional legitimacy to those in Ireland who wished for home rule. It began to face increasing opposition in Ireland both because nationalist politicians feared its influence might reconcile Irish people to the Union with Britain and because enthusiasm for monarchy in Ireland was used to feed a British discourse which saw Ireland as a country that could be appeased by concessions short of home rule and which did not take nationalist demands seriously. The book traces Ireland's interaction with the British monarchy from King George III to Queen Elizabeth II but focuses on the reign of Queen Victoria. It deals with its topic on two levels. It explores Queen Victoria's interaction with Ireland and her influence on British policy towards Ireland. And it examines how Queen Victoria and monarchy were perceived in Ireland. Whereas Queen Victoria's views and actions have previously been subject to historical analysis, no previous study has seriously explored how she was perceived in Ireland or the subtleties of nationalism's attitude towards monarchy. *Abject Loyalty* makes a significant and original contribution to the political and cultural history of Ireland and will be of interest to those concerned with understanding the historical development of Irish identity. ABOUT THE AUTHOR: James H. Murphy is professor of English at All Hallows College in Dublin and the author or editor of numerous works, including *Catholic Fiction and Social Reality in Ireland, 1873-1922*, and *Gender Perspectives in Nineteenth-Century Ireland* (coedited with Margaret Kelleher). PRAISE FOR THE BOOK: "Murphy's book is a comparative rarity--a book that genuinely explores a fresh theme and does so in an entirely original fashion. . . . His analysis changes the context for interpreting the nationalist movement in Ireland and is a must for anyone interested in the Irish during this vital era."--Prof. Alan O'Day, Mansfield College, Oxford "Well-written and provocative. . . A creative, well-written, and significant book that undoubtedly will take a deserved place within the vast historiography of nineteenth-century Ireland. More than that, it is essential reading for any scholar interested in the evolution of Irish nationalism or Anglo-Irish high politics in the Victorian age."--*American Historical Review* "By bridging the gulf between Anglo-Irish politics and culture, *Abject Loyalty* provides a fresh take on the history of nineteenth-century Anglo-Irish relations, and Murphy deftly brings to light an aspect of Irish culture that provide to be equally difficult for both nationalists and pro-Union politicians to appropriate."--*History* "[A] clearly-written and worthwhile study."--Frank A. Biletz, Loyola University Chicago, Albion

Which king of Britain enjoyed vaulting over tables? When was the first compass invented? How many shirts did King Charles I wear to his execution? Discover some of the more unusual facts about the kings and queens of Britain, as well as the most essential dates and events of their reigns.

Includes information on the Plantagenets, the Tudors and Stuarts, the Irish Monarchy, the Scottish Kings and Queens and Elizabeth II and the House of Windsor. Readers will enjoy discovering which king spoke little English, which queen introduced horse racing at Ascot and which king never washed!

A court insider's portrait of Elizabeth II answers questions about relationships among members of her family, her personal beliefs, and future prospects for the House of Windsor

Describes the life of Victoria, Queen of Great Britain from 1837 to 1901, and the social and political conditions in Great Britain during her lifetime.

Provides a summary of the lives of all the kings and queens of England and Great Britain from the early Saxons to Elizabeth II 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. 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 magnificent tribute to the life and reign of Queen Elizabeth II, Britain's longest reigning monarch, and a celebration of the British royal family. *Queen Elizabeth II and the Royal Family* is a stunning visual guide to the Queen, taking you from her childhood all the way up to the celebrations surrounding Elizabeth II's 90th birthday. Telling the story of the House of Windsor with exclusive photos, including events such as the royal wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton, and profiles on key people such as Princess Diana and Prince Harry, right up to the births of Prince George and Princess Charlotte and the Queen's 90th birthday, this is the complete guide to the world's most famous royal family. Includes the complete history of the kings and queens of England and Scotland, tracing the line of succession to the throne, this is the perfect book for anyone who loves the Queen and royal family, or is interested in the history of the British monarchy. Previous edition ISBN 9780241270363

Focusing purely on Queen Elizabeth II's relationship with television, this book shows how she was ahead of the game in helping to change the face of British television from the outset of her reign in 1953 when she let the cameras into Westminster Abbey. The Queen embraced television at a time when Winston Churchill and her government advisors recommended that she should keep them out - on the grounds that the cameras would destroy her royal mystique - right through the 1950s which was Britain's television decade (for reasons that are not generally understood today), when Britain became the first nation in the world to have public service television. In 1969 the Queen opened the doors to the cameras once again for the invention of Britain's first family-reality-TV, fly-on-the-wall programme, showing how she and her husband the Duke of Edinburgh and their children, Charles and Anne, went about their daily lives, thereby giving the seal of royal approval to reality-TV, ahead of the first programmes in the United States and the UK that followed in her wake. Queen Elizabeth II can accurately be described as a television queen, the first monarch to understand and embrace television and, in particular reality-TV, which is why she was light years ahead of other royals

and her government ministers. Television was for her a right of passage and, not until she ran into bad and stormy weather with Princess Diana in the 1980s and 1990s, did she have any image problems with television. These problems no longer remain today, evidently, as once again the television arrangements are in full swing for her Diamond Jubilee celebrations this June. Queen Elizabeth II remains the most televised and visualised person in the world.

Fascinerende geschiedenis van de Koh-i-Noor, het belangrijkste Britse kroonjuweel In 1849 nam de Britse Oost-Indische Compagnie het Sikhrijk in en werd de laatste sikhkeizer, Dalip Singh, op 10-jarige leeftijd gevangengenomen. Niet alleen de rijkste delen in India kwamen zo in handen van de Britten, maar ook India's meest waardevolle bezit: de Koh-i-Noor, de beroemdste diamant van de wereld. De geschiedenis van de Koh-i-Noor is jarenlang eenzijdig belicht door de Britten, maar het was wel de meest geaccepteerde versie. Dalrymple en Anand laten zien dat deze geschiedenis niet de juiste is en maken korte metten met alle mythes rondom de Koh-i-Noor. De juiste geschiedenis is er een van hebzucht, moord, marteling, kolonialisme en de toe-eigening van de diamant tijdens een indrukwekkend deel van de geschiedenis van Zuid- en Centraal-Azië, die controversieel eindigt in het Britse Koninkrijk. Historici William Dalrymple en Anita Anand zetten met dit boek een krachtige, erudiete en soms ook donkere geschiedenis neer van de diamant.

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.

Celebrate the Queen Elizabeth's 65 years with the crown in this special collector's edition of LIFE Queen Elizabeth: Britain's Longest Reigning Monarch.

The United Kingdom is a constitutional monarchy, in which the monarch shares power with a constitutionally organized government. The reigning king or queen is the country's head of state. All political power rests with the prime minister (the head of government) and the cabinet, and the monarch must act on their advice. Drawing on archaeological and documentary evidence, the author identifies real and imagined rulers from Geoffrey of Monmouth's History of the Kings of Britain and Gildas, including King Arthur and other powerful figures in the histories of England, Scotland and Wales. This is a fascinating study of the origins of Britain that can offer much to our understanding of the country in the present day.

"Kings and Queens of England and Britain" takes its readers on a journey from the Saxons in 802, through William The Conqueror right up to the current day monarch Queen Elizabeth II and the three heirs apparent. It is an updated version of the second title in White on Black's A6 genre including 14 new portraits and extended Royal Household sections which arms its readers with highlights of each King or Queen's reign and also what sort of people we have had as Head of State through many invasions and battles, the execution of Charles I, two World Wars and much, much more. You will find out who was the first English Monarch to have a proper portrait on his coins, who kept a "drunken Elephant", who was the first King to use a dressing gown, who had the most illegitimate children, who competed at Wimbledon, who is behind the "Royal Oak" pubs and who used their Royal Navy severance pay to fund the tackling of community issues. The book is crammed full of these and other interesting facts which gives the reader a fantastic oversight on the character of each monarch along with original full colour portraits. As is now tradition with the White on Black brand, £1 from each sale will be donated to The Prince's Trust.

Covers more than 1000 rulers and two millennia of history

Ruling Roman Britain locates the island in the broader context of Roman imperial thought and action from the late republic and Julius Caesar to the end of the first century AD.

A magnificent and authoritative visual encyclopedia of the rulers of Britain, with over 500 photographs.

In this beautifully illustrated volume, Charles Phillips charts the complete history of the royal families of Britain. Beginning in earliest times with the legend of King Arthur, Eric Bloodaxe and the real-life history of Macbeth, he describes the lives and legends of the kings and queens of Britain, their consorts and children, and the pretenders, usurpers and regents who played a role in the making of the United Kingdom. Fact boxes highlight the essential events of each reign, as well as maps, charts and family trees. A valuable reference book for any historian, this guide will fascinate every reader interested in one of the longest-running monarchies in the world

Illustrated History of the Kings and Queens of Britain Southwater Publishing

A highly illustrated picture book featuring photographs and portraits of British kings and queens from the 10th century to the present day. Children can wander through a gallery of monarch-themed pages, which include the Tudors, Stuarts, Hanoverians, Queen Victoria and Britain's longest reigning monarch, Queen Elizabeth II.

Dr. G. S. P. Freeman-Grenville was the consultant for Burke's Royal Families of the World, and his major work was the Chronology of World History. This specially commissioned Book of the Kings and Queens of Britain, a magisterial and entertainingly written overview of British monarchs from Cerdic, First King of Wessex, to George VI, is an invaluable guide to the regal chronology of Britain, and contains many insights into the foibles of one of the world's most interesting and resilient constitutional monarchies -- through the vagaries of war, pestilence, regicide, civil wars and marriage. Includes maps and genealogical charts.

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