Queens Of Britain

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Kings and Queens of Britain

Debrett's Kings and Queens of Britain

The Lives of the Kings & Queens of England

"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 A 6 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.

**The Kings and Queens of England & Scotland**

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 & Queens**

From the House of Wessex to the House of Windsor, follow the pageant of personalities that have made Great Britain what it is today. Fascinating biographies of the British monarchs from the time of Roman Britannia to present day answer your every question about the country’s aristocracy. Details of the kings’ and queens’ personalities are the focus, with a timeline across the bottom relating the major events of their reigns. Also included is a section devoted to royal edicts. All the Edwards, Richards, Henrys, and Williams are represented, along with outstanding personalities such as Lady Jane Grey and Oliver Cromwell—a king in all but name. This is essential reading for all Anglophiles, so brew a pot of tea and dig into the history!

**Kings and Queens**

Medieval queens led richly complex lives and were highly visible women active in a man's world. Linked to kings by marriage, family, and property, queens were vital to the institution of monarchy. In this comprehensive and accessible introduction to the study of queenship, Theresa Earenfight documents the lives and works of queens and empresses across Europe, Byzantium, and the Mediterranean in the Middle Ages. The book: * introduces pivotal research and sources in queenship studies, and includes exciting and innovative new archival research * highlights four crucial moments across the full span of the Middle Ages – ca. 300, 700, 1100, and 1350 - when Christianity, education, lineage, and marriage law fundamentally altered the practice of queenship * examines theories and practices of queenship in the context of wider issues of gender, authority, and power. This is an invaluable and illuminating text for students, scholars and other readers interested in the role of royal women in medieval society.

**Queen Elizabeth II and the Royal Family**

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

Kings of Georgian Britain

Domesday Book

Britain has been famous for its monarchy for centuries. This is the perfect introduction to over twenty of the most fascinating kings and queens and their links to the collections of the British Museum. Colourfully illustrated and accompanied by clear, authoritative text, it's a striking, lively and concise exploration of the highlights of the royal history of Britain. The book opens with an introduction to the role of monarchy in Britain over time, and includes a complete list of the numerous kings and queens from the ninth century to the present day, with entries on over twenty key British monarchs. Important themes of the book include: How objects carried the image of the monarch across their kingdom in the days before the mass media; Representations of people associated with the monarchy - their friends, their family, their foes; How objects reveal links between the British monarchy and peoples around the world; How Britain has been ruled by kings and queens, overlords, empresses and republicans.

Queenship in Medieval Europe

Her story not his, the English monarchy through the private and public lives of the queens of England.

The Complete Illustrated Encyclopedia of the Kings & Queens of Britain

The Kings and Queens of Britain

In the first volume of an exciting new series, bestselling author Alison Weir brings the dramatic reigns of England’s medieval queens to life. The lives of England’s medieval queens were packed with incident—love, intrigue, betrayal, adultery, and warfare— but their stories have been largely obscured by centuries of myth and omission. Now esteemed biographer Alison Weir provides a fresh perspective and restores these women to their rightful place in history. Spanning the years from the Norman conquest in 1066 to the dawn of a new era in 1154, when Henry II succeeded to the throne and Eleanor of Aquitaine, the first Plantagenet queen, was crowned, this epic book brings to vivid life five women, including: Matilda of Flanders, wife of William the Conqueror, the first Norman king; Matilda of Scotland, revered as “the common mother of all England”; and Empress Maud, England’s first female ruler, whose son King Henry II would go on to found the Plantagenet dynasty. More than those who came before or after them, these Norman consorts were recognized as equal sharers in sovereignty. Without the support of their wives, the Norman kings could not have ruled their disparate dominions as effectively. Drawing from the most reliable contemporary sources, Weir skillfully strips away centuries of romantic lore to share a balanced and authentic take on the importance of these female monarchs. What emerges is a seamless royal saga, an all-encompassing portrait of English medieval queenship, and a sweeping panorama of British history. Praise for Queens of the Conquest “Best-selling author
[Alison] Weir pens another readable, well-researched English history, the first in a proposed four-volume series on England’s medieval queens. . . . Weir’s research skills and storytelling ability combine beautifully to tell a fascinating story supported by excellent historical research. Fans of her fiction and nonfiction will enjoy this latest work.”—Library Journal (starred review) “An other sound feminist resurrection by a seasoned historian . . . Though Norman queens were largely unknowable, leave it to this prolific historical biographer to bring them to life. . . . As usual, Weir is meticulous in her research.”—Kirkus Reviews

Kings & Queens

The Magna Carta, Latin for "Great Charter" (literally "Great Paper"), also known as 'Magna Carta Libertatum, is an English 1215 charter which limited the power of English Monarchs, specifically King John, from absolute rule. The Magna Carta was the result of disagreements between the Pope and King John and his barons over the rights of the king: Magna Carta required the king to accept that the will of the king could be bound by law. The Code of Hammurabi was a Mesopotamian legal code that laid a foundation for later Hebraic and European law. The Magna Carta is widely considered to be the first step in a long historical process leading to the rule of constitutional law and is one of the most famous documents in the world. Originally issued by King John of England (r.1199-1216) as a practical solution to the political crisis he faced in 1215, the Magna Carta established for the first time the principle that everybody, including the king, was subject to the law. Although nearly a third of the text was deleted or substantially rewritten within ten years, and almost all the clauses have been repealed in modern times, the Magna Carta remains a cornerstone of the British constitution. Most of the 63 clauses granted by King John dealt with specific grievances relating to his rule. However, buried within them were a number of fundamental values that both challenged the autocracy of the king and proved highly adaptable in future centuries. Most famously, the 39th clause gave all 'free men' the right to justice and a fair trial. Some of the core principles of Magna Carta are echoed in the United States Bill of Rights (1791) and in many other constitutional documents around the world, as well as in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948) and the European Convention on Human Rights (1950). This translation is considered to be the best and an excellent reference document for your library. This is book 10 in the series of 150 books entitled "The Trail to Liberty." The following is a partial list (20 of 150) of books in this series on the development of constitutional law:

Kings and Queens

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.

British Kings & Queens

Moving images of the British monarchy are almost as old as the moving image itself, dating back to an 1895 American drama, The Execution of Mary Queen of Scots. And from 1896, actual British monarchs appeared in the new 'animated photography', led by Queen Victoria. Half a century later the 1953 coronation of Elizabeth II was a milestone in the adoption of television, watched by 20 million Britons and 100 million North Americans. At the century's end, Princess Diana's funeral was viewed by 2.5 billion worldwide. In the first book length examination of film and television representations of this enduring institution, distinguished scholars of media and political history analyze the screen representations of royalty from Henry VIII to 'William and Kate'. Seventeen essays by Ian Christie, Elisabeth Bronfen, Andrew Higson, Karen Lury, Glynn Davies, Jane Landman and other international commentators examine the portrayal of royalty in the 'actuality' picture, the early extended feature, amateur cinema, the movie melodrama, the Commonwealth documentary, New Queer Cinema, TV current affairs, the big screen ceremonial and the post-historical boxed set. A long overdue contribution to film and television studies, this book will be essential reading for scholars and students of British media and political history.

The Kings and Queens of Britain

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 also 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.

The Times Kings and Queens of the British Isles

Provides a history of the British monarchs, highlights major events in British history, and includes a royal family tree and a timeline.

The Complete Illustrated Guide to the Kings and Queens of Britain

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.

The Mammoth Book of British Kings & Queens

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The British Monarchy on Screen

Once upon a time there were four kings called George who, thanks to a quirk of fate, ruled Great Britain for over a century. Hailing from Germany, these occasionally mad, bad and infamous sovereigns presided over a land in turmoil. Yet what of the remarkable women who were crowned alongside them? From the forgotten princess locked in a tower to an illustrious regent, a devoted consort and a notorious party girl, the queens of Georgian Britain lived lives of scandal, romance and turbulent drama. Whether dipping into politics or carousing on the shores of Italy, Caroline of Ansbach, Charlotte of Mecklenburg-Strelitz and Caroline of Brunswick refused to fade into the background. Queens of Georgian Britain offers a chance to step back in time and meet the women who ruled alongside the Georgian monarchs, not forgetting Sophia Dorothea of Celle, the passionate princess who never made it as far as the throne. From lonely childhoods to glittering palaces, via family feuds, smallpox, strapping soldiers and plenty of scheming, these are the queens who shaped an era.

Kings and Queens of Early Britain

Provides a summary of the lives of all the kings and queens of England and Great Britain from the early Saxons to Elizabeth II

Britain's Royal Families

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 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.

Britain's Kings & Queens

Profiles one hundred seventy rulers, from ancient Egyptian pharaohs, through kings, queens, and emperors from different periods and countries, to living monarchs
Queens of the Conquest

This book challenges the orthodox views of William I's great census of 1086, to give an intriguing story of the origins of England’s greatest historical record, as well as new insights into its contents.

The Kings and Queens of England

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 & 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.

The Wordsworth Book of the Kings & Queens of Britain

A new edition of a gloriously illustrated and meticulously detailed encyclopedia of one of the longest-standing monarchies in the world.

The Kings & Queens of Britain

"A lavishly illustrated history of the royalty and their families from Saxon times to today." -- Provided by publisher.

A Brief History of British Kings & Queens

Geoffrey Ashe skillfully weaves all the different accounts, legends, literature, historical documents into one continuous narrative that recreates in intriguing detail all the rulers and events, real or mythical, that are part of the rich tapestry of early history in Britain.

Kings and Queens of Ancient Britain

Covers more than 1000 rulers and two millennia of history

Kings and Queens of England and Britain

This royal historian’s “lively study of the four Georges who sat on the English throne for over a century is a joy” (Jane Austen’s Regency World). For over one hundred years of turmoil, upheaval, and scandal, Great Britain was a Georgian land. From the day the German-speaking George I stepped off the boat from Hanover to the night that George IV, bloated and diseased, breathed his last at Windsor, the four kings had presided over a changing nation. Kings of Georgian Britain offers a fresh perspective on the lives of the four Georges and the events that shaped their characters and reigns. From love affairs to family feuds, political wrangling, and beyond, it is a chance to peer behind the pomp and follow these iconic figures from cradle to grave. After all, being a king isn’t always about grand parties and jaw-dropping jewels, and sometimes following in a father’s footsteps can be the hardest job around. Take a step back in time and meet the wives, mistresses, friends, and foes of these remarkable kings who shaped the nation, and find out what really went on behind closed palace doors. Whether dodging assassins, marrying for money, digging up their ancestors, or sparking domestic disputes that echoed down the generations, the kings of Georgian Britain were never short on drama. “[A] chronological
series of amusing anecdotes. [Curzon is] often whimsical, has a good sense of pace and you can imagine her stifling a smirk while writing this unusual biography.” — History of Royals

**Kings & Queens**

Over 100 illustrations. The story of the kings and queens of England is long and fascinating. It begins with the early monarchs who were little more than tribal warlords, and moves down through the centuries to the present day and the court of Queen Elizabeth II. It is a story of treachery, lust, persecution, and faltering but unremitting progress, sometimes despite the monarchs themselves rather than because of them. This beautifully illustrated and informative volume contains over 100 full-color historical reproductions.

**England's Queens**

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.

**Biographical Sketches of the Queens of Great Britain from the Norman Conquest to the Reign of Victoria**

**Kings and Queens of England**

Chronicles Britain's early royal history through illustrations, genealogical tables, fact boxes, and timelines, and provides insight into the world in which they lived.

**Kings & Queens of Great Britain: Every Question Answered**

David Williamson's text paints a vivid and sensitive portrait of each monarch, revealing the dramatic events and controversies that surrounded them. With a rich selection of images, anecdotes, comprehensive fact boxes and clear family trees, National Portrait Gallery Kings & Queens will appeal to everyone with an interest in history or the British monarchy. The book begins by charting Celtic Britain before the Roman invasion to the Norman Conquest of 1066: the establishment of the Anglo-Saxon kingdoms, the coming of Christianity and the unification of England. The subsequent dynastic struggles of the Angevins and Plantagenets heralded the great age of English kingship under the Tudors and Stuarts, who united the crowns of Scotland and England, before the Hanoverians combined personal rule with parliamentary government, ushering in the modern age and the royalty of today.
The Anglo-Saxon Chronicle

From the reign of Alfred the Great - the first king of Wessex to call himself 'king of England' - in the 9th century, to the shock of Norman invasion in the 11th, and from the brutal vicissitudes of late medieval kingship to the comfortable ceremonial of modern-day constitutional monarchy, the story of England's kings and queens is to a large degree that of England herself. Kings and Queens of England offers readable profiles of 59 English monarchs from Harold II to Henry VIII, and from Ethelred the Unready to Elizabeth II. Each monarch is elegantly profiled and the impact of their rule on wider English history clearly and concisely described and analysed. For every king and queen there is a detailed timeline, and the narrative is further amplified by display quotations, feature boxes, panels of key biographical facts, and - last but not least - by 135 lavish full-colour images. Ian Crofton recounts a 1000-year tale of murder, invasion, usurpation, adultery, divorce, civil war and revolution in a manner that is as entertaining as it is informative. The Kings and Queens of England is the perfect choice for anyone looking for an illustrated account of the English monarchy from the Anglo-Saxon era to the present.

Queens of Georgian Britain

Queen Elizabeth II and the Royal Family is a magnificent tribute to the life and reign of Queen Elizabeth II and a celebration of the British royal family, from the first English kings through the birth of the queen's second grandchild to Prince William and Kate, the Duchess of Cambridge. Highly illustrated with photographs and timelines throughout, Queen Elizabeth II and the Royal Family tells the story of the House of Windsor, and includes events such as the royal wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton and profiles on key people such as Princess Diana and Prince Harry. Graphics illuminate details of the queen's personal and private life, vivid photographs highlight important events, special features showcase the royal residences, and timelines untangle the complete history of the kings and queens of England and Scotland, tracing the line of succession to the throne. This gorgeous ebook is the most complete visual history of Britain's most enduring icon, Queen Elizabeth II, and the royal family.

The Magna Carta

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.

The Kings & Queens of Britain

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.