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Editorial Review

From the Back Cover

Delve inside the Tudor world and discover the facts behind the fiction

The British Isles have witnessed many great regal dynasties through the ages, but none more turbulent, exciting and controversial than the Tudors. This book looks through the history of a legendary era, exploring monarchs such as the infamous Henry VIII, the ruthless Mary I and the indomitable Elizabeth I. Packed with information on the battles, beheadings and royal family bust ups, *The Tudors For Dummies* is history at its best. Covering everything from the founding of the Church of England to the Spanish Armada, this book reveals why the Tudors were so pivotal in shaping modern Britain.

- Back to the start – find out about daily life in the sixteenth century and discover the roots of the Tudor dynasty
- Divorced, beheaded, died; divorced, beheaded, survived – take an in-depth look at Henry VIII's ever-changing marital status and the reasons behind his break with the Roman Catholic church
- Chasing the limelight – unravel the chaotic successions of Edward VI, Lady Jane Grey and 'Bloody Mary'
- The first Elizabeth – explore an era of religious and political transformation, taking in the Spanish Armada, her feud with Mary, Queen of Scots, and much more

Open the book and find:

- What Henry VIII was really like
- How the Church of England was founded
- Why Lady Jane Grey was queen for only nine days
- Why Elizabeth I never married Robert Dudley
- The history behind the Tudor rose
- The origins of the Troubles in Ireland
- How the monarchy changed hands, from Tudors to Stuarts
- Where to find surviving Tudor buildings
- What the Tudors did for us

Learn About:

- Tudor life and times and how they shaped the Britain of today
- Henry VIII and his unlucky wives
- The turbulent private and political life of Elizabeth I
- The bloody battles, rampant diseases and religious divides of the period

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