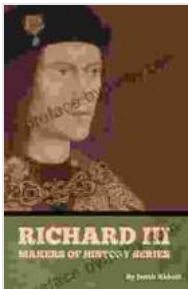


Richard III: A Complex and Controversial Ruler

Richard III was the last of the Plantagenet kings of England. He reigned for just two years, from 1483 to 1485, but his reign was one of the most turbulent and controversial in English history.



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Richard was born in 1452, the youngest son of Richard, Duke of York, and Cecily Neville. He was a sickly child, and he was often bullied by his older brothers. In 1461, his father was killed at the Battle of Wakefield, and Richard became the heir to the Yorkist claim to the throne.

In 1464, Richard's brother, Edward IV, became king. Richard was made Duke of Gloucester, and he played a leading role in the Yorkist victory in the Wars of the Roses. In 1471, he married Anne Neville, the daughter of the Earl of Warwick. The marriage was a political alliance, and it helped to strengthen Richard's position.

In 1483, Edward IV died suddenly, and Richard became king. He was crowned at Westminster Abbey on July 6, 1483. Richard's reign was short

and troubled. He was immediately faced with a number of challenges, including the threat of invasion from France and the rebellion of the Duke of Buckingham.

In 1485, Richard was defeated and killed at the Battle of Bosworth Field. He was the last of the Plantagenet kings, and his death marked the end of the Wars of the Roses.

Richard III in History

Richard III has been a controversial figure throughout history. He has been portrayed as a villain by some historians, while others have defended his reputation. In recent years, there has been a growing interest in Richard III, and a number of new books and articles have been published about him.

The most famous depiction of Richard III is in William Shakespeare's play of the same name. Shakespeare's play is a historical drama, and it presents a very negative view of Richard. Richard is portrayed as a hunchbacked, evil tyrant who murders his way to the throne.

However, not all historians agree with Shakespeare's portrayal of Richard III. Some historians believe that Richard was a complex and misunderstood figure. They argue that he was a skilled military leader and a just king. They also point out that Richard was a patron of the arts and that he founded several colleges and schools.

Richard III's Legacy

Richard III's legacy is a complex one. He was a controversial figure in his own lifetime, and he has remained a controversial figure in history. However, there is no doubt that Richard III was a significant figure in

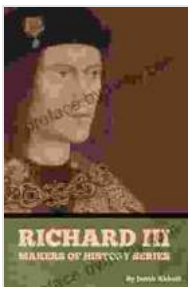
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Richard III's legacy is also linked to the Tower of London. It was in the Tower that Richard is said to have murdered his two young nephews, the Princes in the Tower. The mystery surrounding the fate of the princes has never been fully resolved, and it continues to fascinate people to this day.

Richard III: Makers of History

Richard III: Makers of History is a new book that explores the life and reign of Richard III. The book is written by a team of leading historians, and it provides a comprehensive and balanced account of Richard's life and legacy.

Richard III: Makers of History is essential reading for anyone interested in English history. The book provides a fascinating and informative account of one of England's most enigmatic monarchs.



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