
CONTENTS

Introduction	8	The Crusades	66
FIRST ENGLISH KINGS	10	Edward II	68
Early Saxon Kings	12	The Conquest of Wales	70
Alfred the Great	14	The Canterbury Tales	72
Viking Invasions	16	Edward III	74
Aethelred the Unready	18	The Hundred Years' War	76
Christianity	20	Richard II	78
King Canute	22	Windsor Castle	80
THE NORMANS	24	The Age of Chivalry	82
Battle of Hastings	26	The Peasants' Revolt	84
William I	28	THE HOUSE OF LANCASTER	86
The Domesday Book	30	Henry IV	88
William II	32	Henry V	90
Westminster Abbey	34	The Wars of the Roses	92
The Tower of London	36	The Loss of France	94
Henry I	38	Henry VI	96
Norman Castles	40	THE HOUSE OF YORK	98
The Feudal System	42	Edward IV	100
Stephen and Matilda	44	Edward V	102
THE PLANTAGENETS	46	Richard III	104
Henry II	48	THE TUDORS	106
Eleanor of Aquitaine	50	Henry VII	108
Richard I	52	The Reformation	110
Plantagenet France	54	The Monasteries	112
John	56	Henry VIII	114
The Magna Carta	58	Early Tudor Palaces	116
Henry III	60	The Wives of Henry VIII	118
Early Parliaments	62	Edward VI	120
Edward I	64	Mary I	122

Sea Adventurers	124	THE HANOVERIANS	190
The Elizabethan Theatre	126	The Jacobite Rising	192
Elizabeth I	128	Bonnie Prince Charlie	194
The Armada	130	George I	196
Noble Tudor Houses	132	George II	198
		Robert Walpole	200
THE SCOTTISH MONARCHY	134	George III	202
The House of Alpin and Dunkeld	136	American Independence	204
The House of Canmore	138	The French Revolution	206
The Auld Alliance	140	The Napoleonic Wars	208
John Balliol	142	Nelson and Wellington	210
The Stone of Scone	144	George IV	212
William Wallace	146	William IV	214
Robert Bruce	148	Victoria	216
The House of Stewart	150	Prince Albert	219
The Scottish Clans	152	The Industrial Revolution	220
Mary Queen of Scots	154	The Empire	222
		Edward VII	224
THE STUARTS	156	Entente Cordiale	226
James I of England			
(James VI of Scotland)	158	THE HOUSE OF WINDSOR	228
The Gunpowder Plot	160	George V	230
Charles I	162	The Great War	232
The Civil War	164	Edward VIII	234
Oliver Cromwell	166	George VI	236
The Commonwealth	168	World War II	238
Art and Architecture	170	Elizabeth II	240
Charles II	172	Royal Residences	242
The Great Fire	174	The Family	244
James II	176	The Queen Mother	247
The Catholic Revival	178	The Prince of Wales	248
William and Mary	180	Prince William	250
The Dutch Influence	182	Golden Jubilee Year	251
Anne	184		
The Wars of Succession	188	Index	252
The Duke of Marlborough	188	Acknowledgements and Picture Credits	256