

# Historic Doubts On The Life And Reign Of King Richard The Third

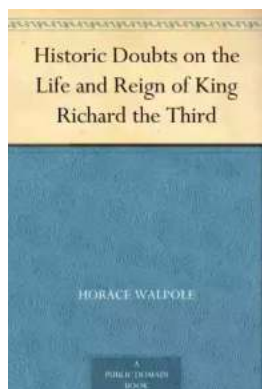


King Richard III has been a figure of immense interest and controversy throughout history. While some view him as a villainous ruler, others believe that his reputation was tarnished by propaganda from his successors. This article aims to explore the historic doubts cast upon the life and reign of King Richard III,

shedding light on the complexity of historical narratives and the inherent biases present in historical accounts.

## to King Richard III

Richard III ascended to the throne of England in 1483 following the premature death of his brother, King Edward IV. His reign lasted only two years before he was famously defeated and killed at the Battle of Bosworth Field by Henry Tudor, who then became King Henry VII. This defeat marked the end of the Plantagenet dynasty and the beginning of the Tudor era, which further reinforced the narrative surrounding Richard III as a despotic and murderous ruler.



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## Shakespeare's Influence

Much of the negativity surrounding Richard III's reputation can be attributed to the portrayal of the king in William Shakespeare's play, "Richard III." Shakespeare depicted Richard as a hunchbacked, power-hungry tyrant, perpetuating the image of a cunning and manipulative king. However, it is important to remember that

Shakespeare's plays were not meant to be historically accurate but rather aimed at entertaining the audience and pleasing the Tudor monarchs.

## **The Princes in the Tower**



One of the most infamous events attributed to Richard III is the disappearance of his two young nephews, Edward V and Richard, Duke of York, commonly known as the Princes in the Tower. The widely accepted narrative is that Richard ordered their murder to eliminate potential threats to his reign. However, there is no conclusive evidence linking Richard III to their deaths, and several alternative

theories point towards other individuals who may have had motives to harm the princes.

## **Revisionist Historians**

In recent years, several historians have challenged the traditional narrative surrounding Richard III's reign. They argue that the sources used to construct this narrative were biased and unreliable, often serving the political agenda of the Tudor monarchs. Revisionist historians have sought to reexamine existing evidence and provide alternative explanations for Richard III's actions and character.

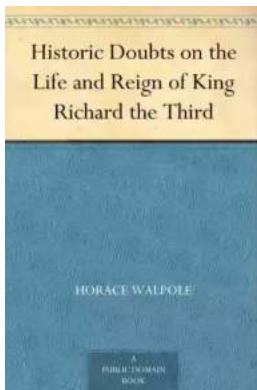
## **The Rediscovery of Richard III's Remains**

In 2012, a remarkable archaeological discovery was made in the city of Leicester, England. A skeleton was unearthed, and after extensive analysis, it was determined to be the remains of King Richard III. This discovery sparked renewed interest in Richard III and prompted further investigations into his life and reign.

The life and reign of King Richard III remain shrouded in historic doubts. While some still consider him to be a villainous ruler, others believe that he was a victim of political propaganda. By questioning existing narratives and reexamining the available evidence, we can strive towards a more comprehensive understanding of one of the most enigmatic figures in English history.

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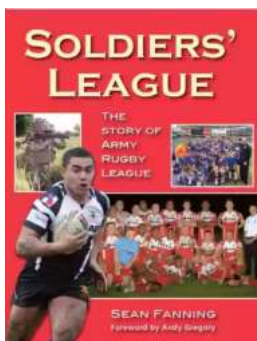
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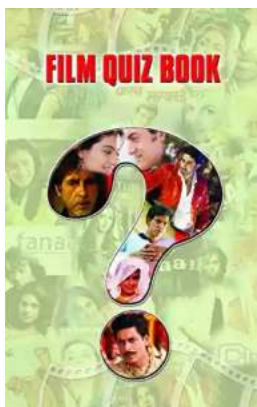


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