



Historian Nigel Spivey presents this fascinating series chronicling the lives of Britain's most famous monarchs, from William the Conqueror to our current regent, Queen Elizabeth II. We learn about King Richard III; intent on justice and erasing the decadent excesses of his brother's reign, while Henry VIII created a time of peace and prosperity. Presented by Nigel Spivey

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## Kings & Queens DVDs

### Volume 1

#### William the Conqueror, 1066-1087

After crushing the Norman Barons, William went on to conquer England in the Battle of Hastings in 1066. He sought to bring law and order to the land by introducing the first centralised state through the Domesday Book, a catalogue of Britain's wealth and people.



#### Henry the Second, 1154-1189

Henry Plantagenet became King after 17 years of bloody in-fighting with his cousin Stephen. He appointed Thomas Beckett Chancellor and under Henry's instruction, Beckett applied the law of the land with a steely zeal. By 1160, peace had been restored.

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### Volume 2

#### Edward the First, 1272-1307

Edward I changed the shape of British history for 700 years by waging his bloody wars of conquest to create the United Kingdom. He brutally enforced his belief that all of Britain should fall under his command, invading both Wales and Scotland to realise his goal.



#### Henry the Fifth, 1387-1422

The architect of Britain's astonishing military victory at Agincourt, Henry believed it was his God given destiny to rule France. He married the French princess Catherine and signed the Treaty of Trois which would make him King on the death of her father. He died seven weeks short of his goal.

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### Volume 3

#### Richard the Third, 1483-1485



Did Richard order the killing of the Princes in the Tower? Was he acting out of self-defence when he destroyed his enemies at court? These events have caused history to portray

Richard as a power-crazed monster, but is this correct? Certainly his death caused public rejoicing.

#### Henry the Eighth, 1509-1547

Henry VIII's long reign was opulent and excessive, yet he is one of British history's most influential figures ever. He achieved a balance of power with France and Spain which created a time of peace and prosperity, and he was the first English king to unite Church and State.



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### Volume 4

#### Elizabeth the First, 1558-1603



The daughter of Henry VIII and Anne Boleyn, Elizabeth was declared illegitimate on her mother's execution and imprisoned. She overcame scepticism to become one of the most successful and best-loved English monarchs of all

time. She re-established the Church of England.

#### Charles the First, 1625-1649

Was it merely bad luck that Charles's reign coincided with the English Civil War, or was his inept handling of religious and political matters to blame? Certainly, he was an aloof man who lacked the qualities often associated with a successful ruler.

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### Volume 5

#### Charles the Second, 1660-1685

In 1660, having spent the previous decade in exile, 30 year old Charles Stuart was restored to the throne of the nation that had sanctioned the murder of his father. During his reign, he had to contend with two of the greatest popular disasters in English history, the Plague and the Great Fire.



#### George the Third, 1760-1820

The longest-reigning British male monarch, George ruled during an era of great political thinkers and writers, which also saw the emergence of party politics and the creation of the post of Prime Minister. By 1815, an inherited disease had rendered him insane and he was no longer seen in public.

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#### Victoria, 1837-1901

Victoria's reign saw Britain transformed from a middle-ranking European nation into the dominant world power of the 19th century. As Britain led the way in industrialisation, free trade and colonisation, Victoria came to symbolise everything the nation stood for.



#### Elizabeth the Second, 1952-Present

Given that Britain has lost an empire and it no longer rules the waves, has the magic of monarchy disappeared? Elizabeth's reign has seen the Windsors allow greater public access, to bring the monarchy in line with the modern world, but can the fantasy survive such access?

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