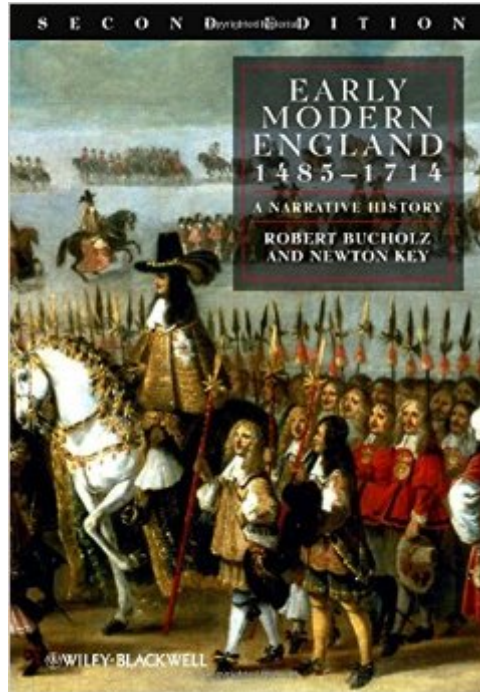


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consise..

I bought this book as a companion text for a Teaching Company course on the Tudors and Stuarts. To me both are superb. I am particularly interested in the foundational ideologies of the United States. The turmoil, political, social and religious discourse of the Tudor-Stuart period had great influence on the mindset and actions of our Founders. The book is well written, accessible and meaningful to both amateur and professional scholars. The authors look at the "total history" of the period, including the lives of the common people as well as the maneuvering of the powerful elite.

Early Modern England 1485-1714 is a classroom textbook and a useful work for the person who wants a cursory study of England during the Tudor/Stuart era. The authors examine the political, religious, economic, and social history of England of the period. The reader who has little knowledge of English history can read the book and for the most part understand the events and the terminology. Because the work is cursory, the reader should be aware that there is little analysis, and some topics are hardly broached. For instance, the authors do not explain clearly why rich Catholics in the period from Henry VIII to Elizabeth were able to survive or get around the numerous laws and oaths that were enacted to constrict their religious beliefs or practices. The authors referred to the trade war with the Dutch (1654) over the Navigation Act in one sentence. Occasionally, the book is inconsistent. The authors state that Henry VII's total revenue in 1502 was 113,000 pounds. Four pages later they say that Henry VIII's revenue was 90,000 pounds without giving any explanation for the drop in revenue. Once in awhile terms, such as 'impositions', are introduced without any reference to meaning. The lay person can appreciate the book, but the more serious researcher will be prompted to refer to other sources.

I loved the narrative of this book. I appreciated the contingency that is required in order to keep this book moving. The pictures and maps also helped give me a sense of location and feeling as I was reading about monarchy turnovers, life of peasants, warfare, and so much more!

reads like a novel, which can be good and can be bad. I was interested in learning a lot of factual information. This author uses a lot of phrases opening with "perhaps..." which signifies that the following information is opinion, albeit factually-based. This was just annoying to me. Most likely, you will enjoy this very much. It makes a seemingly boring topic, quite interesting and easy to follow.

Great book for a deeper introduction to the Early Modern Era in England. Personally had Newton Key as a professor in college and he was superb at bringing the material to light in a way that could make it personal. The book read better than most texts covering this information. Gives a great timeline and connection to events and people in the English EME. ~KLI

As an undergrad History major, this book was very useful for my Tudor-Stuart England course at UA. The book is concise, clear and direct. It is easy to understand and it is easy to pick out the most useful information. The companion book by Bucholz & Key- Sources & Debates in English History 1485-1714 is also a useful book. There are lots of maps in the book, and some pictures, but I think more pictures of the people or subject matter would be a nice way to visualize the concepts and break up the reading a bit more.

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