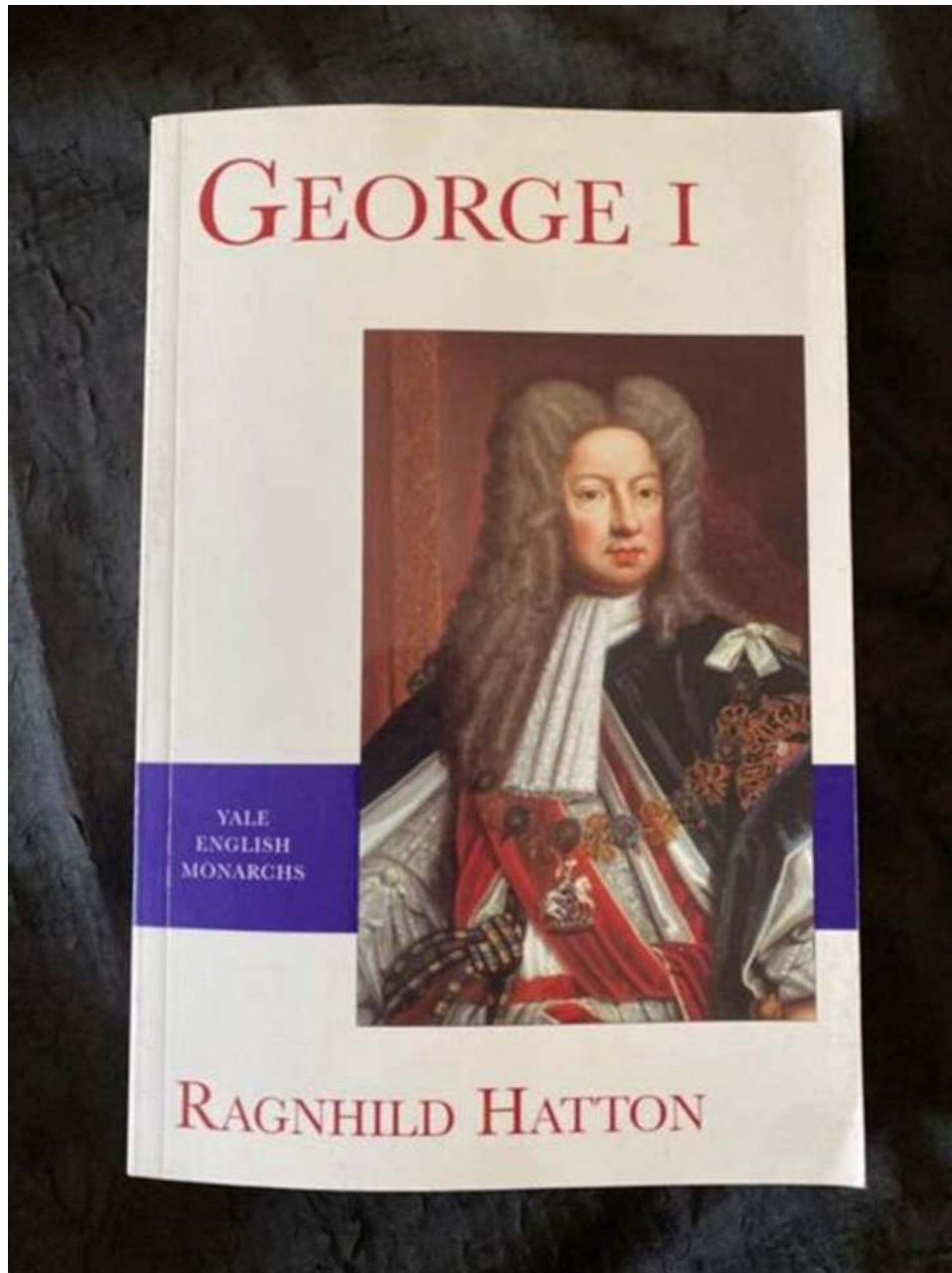


# The Self Made King: Unlocking the Intriguing Lives of Yale's English Monarchs

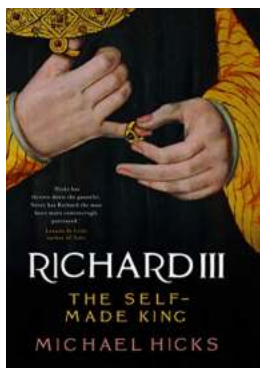


Have you ever wondered what it takes to become a king? Throughout history, individuals have risen to power through a myriad of ways. In the grand halls of Yale University, a different breed of rulers emerged – the English Monarchs who carved their path to the throne, establishing themselves as self-made kings. Join

us on an enchanting journey through time to uncover the lives and achievements of these extraordinary individuals. Strap in for a ride packed with tales of ambition, cunning strategies, and captivating stories that will leave you in awe.

## 1. The Founding Schemer: Henry VII

Our saga begins with the mastermind behind the Tudor dynasty, Henry VII. Rising from the ashes of the Wars of the Roses, Henry seized the crown and laid the foundation for his family's enduring rule. His meticulous financial policies, cunning diplomacy, and calculated marriages transformed England into a formidable European power. From establishing the infamous Court of Star Chamber to financing explorations, his reign was marked by innovation and stability unseen before.



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## 2. The Scholarly Monarch: Elizabeth I

Moving forward, we encounter a queen whose intelligence and charm ensured her legacy as one of England's greatest rulers – Elizabeth I. Often hailed as the "Virgin Queen," her fifty-year reign, known as the Elizabethan era, was a time of cultural flourishing and remarkable achievements. From the defeat of the Spanish

Armada to fostering the works of William Shakespeare, Elizabeth's reign shaped England's literary and artistic landscape, forever etching her name in history.

### **3. The Warrior King: Henry V**

Prepare yourself for an exhilarating tale of triumph amidst the chaos of war – Henry V. Famed for his leadership during the Hundred Years' War, Henry's military prowess and unwavering determination led to the historic victory at the Battle of Agincourt. This self-made king unified a fractured nation, and his exceptional leadership skills earned the respect and admiration of his subjects. Join us as we unravel the extraordinary life of a true warrior king.

### **4. The Intellectual Monarch: Henry VIII**

A name synonymous with power and controversy, Henry VIII ascended the throne with grandeur and left an indelible mark on England's history. Known for his six marriages and the establishment of the Church of England, Henry's reign was a tumultuous period of religious and political upheaval. Delve into the complex mind of this self-made king, whose actions forever changed the course of the monarchy and the nation as a whole.

### **5. The Enlightened Ruler: Alfred the Great**

Venture back in time to the reign of Alfred the Great, the ninth-century king who transformed England from a land ravaged by Viking invasions to a center of learning and prosperity. Alfred's vision to unify the kingdoms and restore peace led to the development of a legal system, educational reforms, and a resurging culture. Discover how this self-made king laid the foundation for a golden age that defines the essence of England to this day.

### **6. The Philosopher King: Charles I**

In the midst of political turbulence and upheaval, one king sought to bridge the gap between monarchy and parliament – Charles I. His reign may have ended tragically, but Charles left an enduring legacy as a patron of the arts, sciences, and philosophy. Explore the dichotomy of a king torn between divine right and constitutional rule, and how his final actions paved the way for the modern monarchy we see today.

## **7. The Glorious Revolutionary: William III**

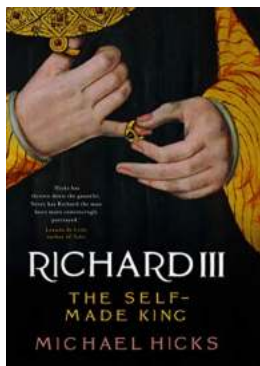
Witness the astounding rise of William of Orange, the Dutch prince turned English king who forever altered the course of British history. His partnership with Mary II during the Glorious Revolution transformed England's political landscape, establishing the concept of constitutional monarchy and securing civil liberties for its citizens. Unravel the captivating tale of a self-made king who united nations, fought against tyranny, and inspired generations to come.

## **8. The Golden Queen: Victoria**

Closing our journey is the indomitable Queen Victoria, a monarch whose reign marked an era of sweeping change and global influence. From the Industrial Revolution to the expansion of the British Empire, Victoria's six-decade rule left an indelible mark on the world. Journey through the life of a self-made queen who redefined the role of a monarch and left an enduring legacy that continues to shape our modern society.

By exploring the lives of these self-made kings and queens of Yale's English Monarchs, we gain a deeper understanding of the challenges and triumphs faced by those who ascended to power. Their legacies continue to be woven into the fabric of history and serve as a testament to the enduring spirit of kingship. Prepare to be captivated by their stories and inspired by their achievements, as we uncover the remarkable journeys of these remarkable leaders.

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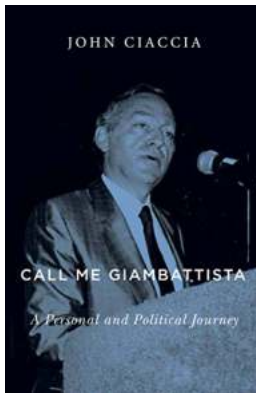


The definitive biography and assessment of the wily and formidable prince who unexpectedly became monarch—the most infamous king in British history

The reign of Richard III, the last Yorkist king and the final monarch of the Plantagenet dynasty, marked a turning point in British history. But despite his lasting legacy, Richard only ruled as king for the final two years of his life. While much attention has been given to his short reign, Michael Hicks explores the whole of Richard's fascinating life and traces the unfolding of his character and career from his early years as the son of a duke to his violent death at the battle of Bosworth.

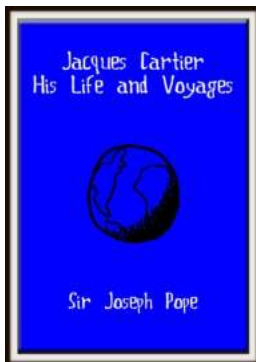
Hicks explores how Richard—villainized for his imprisonment and probable killing of the princes—applied his experience to overcome numerous setbacks and adversaries. Richard proves a complex, conflicted individual whose Machiavellian

tact and strategic foresight won him a kingdom. He was a reformer who planned big changes, but lost the opportunity to fulfill them and to retain his crown.



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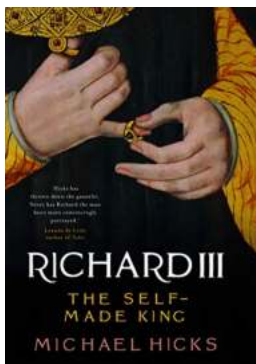
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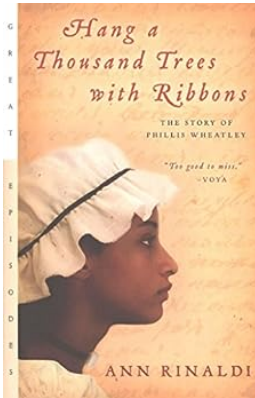
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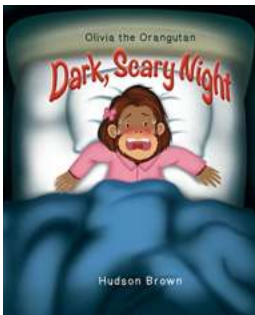
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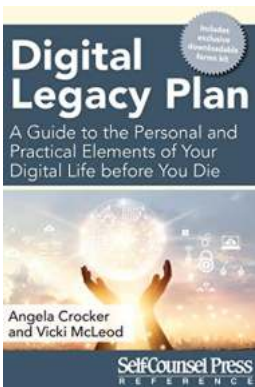
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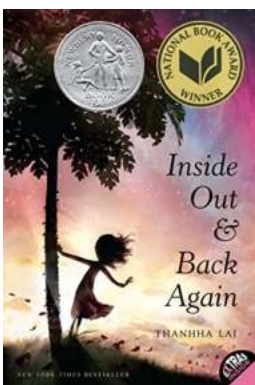
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