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From the Roman conquest of 43 CE to the Norman conquest of 1066 and from the Elizabethan age of Shakespeare to the Iraq and Afghan wars of the 21st century, DK's *History of Britain and Ireland* traces the key events that shaped the societies living in the British Isles from the earliest times to the present day. It is the definitive visual guide to 5,000 years of British history. It includes a comprehensive timeline chronicling key events in the history of Britain and Ireland, in addition to "decisive moment" spreads that vividly describe turning points in British history. It also profiles the people who have had a significant impact on British culture and society through their inventions, discoveries, and ideas.

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Erin H says

This book is probably my favorite reference book. There was so much information and I love when these kinds of books have pictures. I liked the topics discussed, it was very informative. I wish I just paid more for the hardcover because it's a really nice book.

Ellen says

I love books with lots of pictures!

Douglas Koehne says

I just love DK visual guides. I have about 20 or so and pretty much will buy anything they publish in this format. Some of them are more reference type of books to pick and choose what parts to read or skim through, while others just pull you in and you really want to read every page and look at every picture. I've always been fascinated with English history and this book is a great summary of almost every important event over the past 2000 years plus. There is not a lot of analysis - but this isn't the format for that type of information. It basically reads as a history timeline focusing on important events, people, items, discoveries, and places to tell the remarkable and complex history of the British isles.

I'll be reading a few books over the next couple of years to get the analysis that is so important as well. I know when I'm reading through those books I'll go back to refresh and contextualize some of that information with this book. Thorough, visually beautiful, and just an enormous amount of information makes this book a great read for someone interested in British history.

Hettie says

Prettily laid out. Pity it was essentially a history of England which occasionally remembered to include Scotland, Wales, and Ireland. Didn't really seem to put any effort into anything that wasn't English-related as well, as this book made some base errors with regards to some Scottish history. I can only imagine it was as careless with Welsh and Irish history - the very little parts which were included. Not reliable, and definitely would not recommend

Jared Anderson says

This book did a fantastic job at thoroughly informing the reader of the various facets of Britain and Ireland. It did so wonderfully through visual images and interesting commentary. It splits it up into different eras.

While parts were a little dense and less interesting to me personally, it was still very diverse in what it covered. I'd suggest this book to any Anglophile.

Becki says

Gorgeous book. Well done. Not dull.

Eunice says

Have this on hand whenever you are reading any Anglo-centric Historical Fiction novel. I wish I'd bought this ten years ago.

Jason Walker says

Regardless of what people think in the age of Google and Yahoo! there is still nothing like the DK series of "visual guides." This latest edition on Britain and Ireland is no different. Here in a single volume is a unique timeline of the people, places and things that make up the history of the islands. The art work is astounding and the anecdotal pieces support the narrative telling a story over almost 3,000 years. This is, as my Scottish friends would say, a "brilliant" book. They may not like the first part of the book however.

Allison Reimers says

I just finished using this book for homeschool. From the beginning through the Victorian Period I would give this book four to five stars. From the Victorian Period through WWII I would go for three stars and from WWII to present day I would give it two stars. Whoever wrote it is not very proud of British colonialism and not much of a fan of Winston Churchill. That I could handle but they left venom on the page when they got to Margaret Thatcher. I prefer my history books to present the facts and be a little less biased. I had to do some personal editing with my son when I got to the end of this book and I didn't appreciate it.

Dominic Couture says

I love this book. There are so many vivid, beautiful images in it. Apart from Cambridge University Press and Jessica Kingsley Publisher, DK is my third favourite publishing house because they make up such beautiful books! I received this book as a gift, and have always enjoyed it!

Eric says

Excellent primer for our anniversary trip to England and Wales. Learned enough to feel confident about what

we were seeing over there, though probably not enough to make me not sound like an idiot whenever I tried talking to Brits about history.

HBalikov says

Had this for over a year and have consulted it frequently for books by Cornwell, Mantel, O'Brian, etc.

Positives - Haven't found a topic where it failed to add to my knowledge or help with a question. Beautiful graphic material.

Not so positives - Heavy, bulky, small type, and never quite as in depth as would allow "one-stop shopping."

Jbondandrews says

While the book was somewhat interesting I didn't really learn anything new though the pictures and everyday items were interesting.
