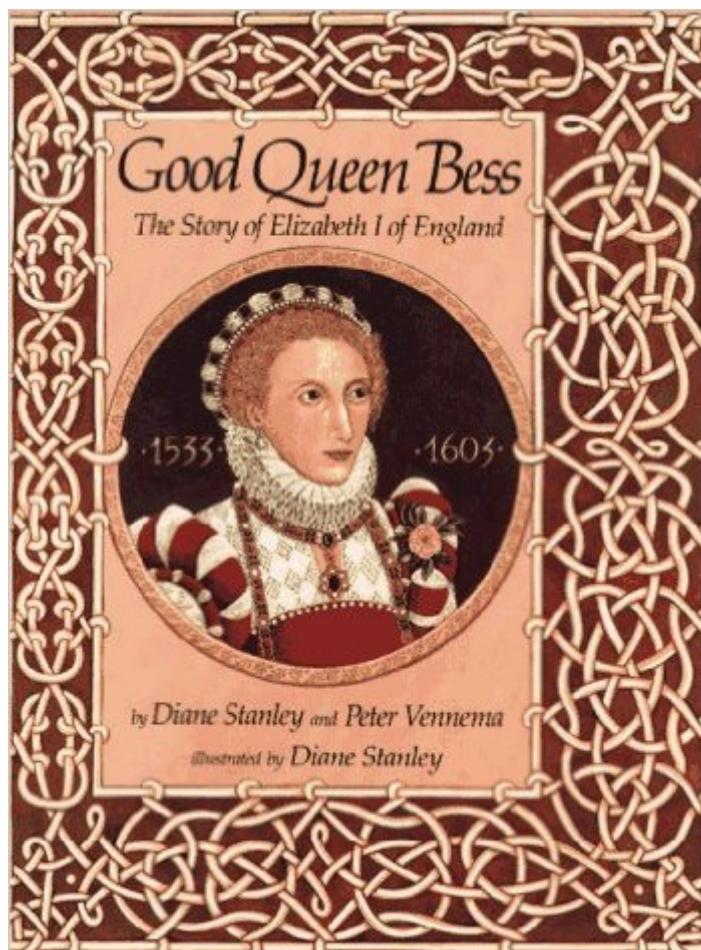


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Good Queen Bess: The Story Of Elizabeth I Of England



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Customer Reviews

I first read this book when I was in third grade and I must have checked it out from the library 100 more times. I was fascinated by the beautiful illustrations and by the true story of Elizabeth I. It really got me into history. Now I read 800+ page books about Tudor history and I can't help but think back to the days when I used to recreate the illustrations using my own crayons and muse over every sentence in the book. Starts a lifetime love of history, and for me, an obsession with the Tudors. The illustrations are perfect and the content isn't too dumbed down, but it isn't too hard. Recommended for any child who ever wanted to be a princess or ever showed any interest in history.

When I was seven years old my mother gave me this book for Christmas. That was nearly nine years ago and I've since become an Elizabethan "buff" I read everything on her I can get my hands on. This is a wonderful book for any kid who has ever shown an interest in history or being a queen or a king. Superbly adapted for the younger set this well written and engagingly illustrated book on

Elizabeth I's life is historically accurate. And for me anyway what looks like a life long fascination.

Diane Stanley's biography of Queen Elizabeth I of England follows the great Queen's life from her father's divorce of Catherine of Aragon, to Elizabeth's death in 1603. Without bogging down in the details of Elizabeth's seventy years, Stanley has created a broad look at the important events in the Queen's life. Stanley's artwork accurately shows the clothing and styles of the time. Anyone familiar with the portraits of the various members of the royal family will easily recognize them in Stanley's illustrations. Stanley does an excellent job of taking two very complicated but highly significant subjects, the formation of the Church of England and why Henry VIII desperately wanted a son, and explaining them in a simple enough manner that someone with little or no historical background can understand them. Children will be able to read this biography without becoming lost in the multitude of people in Elizabeth's life, or confused about the meaning of the important events.

Queen Elizabeth I is one of those extraordinary figures whose life story has fascinated people for hundreds of years. It is almost impossible to write a poor biography of her life. Unfortunately, she lived in very violent times and takes skill to tell her story in a way that is appropriate for young children. The prolific Diane Stanley has the necessary talent and she does a great job in "Good Queen Bess". The illustrations by Peter Vennema are first rate and add to the pleasure of the book. Highly recommended.

As you can probably tell by my profile picture, I really, really like Queen Elizabeth I. Goofy me, though. Like the one snarky negative reviewer, I didn't realize this was a children's book. But it's an excellent children's book and I highly recommend it. It reduces all the important events of Tudor England to understandable and very interesting language on a school child's level. It's very compassionate: for example, in discussing Mary Queen of Scots, the book gently explains what the problem was, says that Elizabeth anguished for months before signing the death warrant and just that Mary died bravely. Kids can handle that. My only hesitation is that the illustrations are all drawings instead of any portraits, including the cover. However, there are many other sources for portraits, the pictures are well-done and more accessible, and this keeps the cost down. Excellent book. Take it from someone who has dozens of biographies of Elizabeth and histories of the Elizabethan era, and who's been to the Victoria & Albert Museum and other places in England to study and appreciate this marvelous queen. It is so ironic that Elizabeth's mother was put to death, virtually for Elizabeth's gender, and she turned out to be a greater monarch than her father. A+ book.

Many texts used in the Children's Literature classes I have been taking refer to this book. I had to borrow it from my professor because I couldn't even get it from the library. It is a wonderful book and I want to add it to my library. Queen Elizabeth I is made very real for young readers in Diane Stanley's work. I hope to see it on the list of reprints soon.

This is exactly the type of book I was looking for for my granddaughter. She is only 6 but is an advanced reader and very interested in history (thanks to me). It is beautifully illustrated and historically accurate (I fancy myself an expert on Elizabeth I). I didn't want an "adult" book on Queen Elizabeth I, I wanted something a young reader will enjoy that wasn't too childish, but portray real historical information. This book goes from when Elizabeth was young until she died.

Like all the Diane Stanley books that we have my children and I loved this one. The illustrations are colorful and very fitting for the time. I have always been interested in history and have searched for books that my girls can relate to. The story of Queen Elizabeth is something all children should be familiar with. I think Ms. Stanley has a wonderful way of making history interesting for young readers.

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