

# The Plantagenets: Part 1307-1399 - The Half Hour Histories

The Plantagenets, a royal dynasty that ruled England from the 12th to the 15th centuries, were one of the most fascinating and influential families in European history. Their reign saw the consolidation of England as a unified kingdom, the establishment of the English legal system, and the famous Hundred Years' War against France. In this article, we will delve into the era of the Plantagenets from 1307 to 1399, exploring the key events and notable figures that shaped this period.

## Edward II and the Rise of Despenser

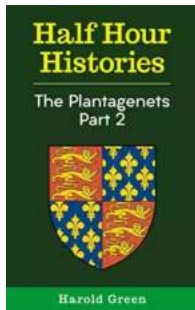
The era of Plantagenets during this time period began with Edward II ascending the throne in 1307. However, his reign was marked by political instability and the influence of his favorites, particularly the Despenser family. Hugh Despenser the Younger, in particular, gained significant power and influence over the king, leading to unrest among the nobility and ultimately his downfall.

Edward II's inability to quell these tensions resulted in rebellion led by his wife, Queen Isabella, and her lover, Roger Mortimer. They successfully ousted Edward II and placed his young son, Edward III, on the throne. This event marked a pivotal moment in Plantagenet history, as Edward III's reign would usher in a period of political and military resurgence for England.

**The Plantagenets Part 2: 1307-1399 (Half Hour Histories)** by Harold Green(Kindle Edition)

★★★★★ 5 out of 5

Language : English



File size	: 280 KB
Text-to-Speech	: Enabled
Screen Reader	: Supported
Enhanced typesetting	: Enabled
Word Wise	: Enabled
Print length	: 15 pages
Lending	: Enabled



## **The Black Death and Joan of Kent**

The 14th century was a tumultuous time for Europe, and England was not spared from the ravages of the Black Death. This deadly pandemic, which arrived in England in 1348, decimated the population and had far-reaching socio-economic consequences. The Plantagenets, including Edward III and his descendants, had to navigate these challenging times.

One key figure during this period was Joan of Kent, a fascinating and influential woman who played a significant role in Plantagenet history. Known as the "Fair Maid of Kent," she was the mother of Richard II and played a pivotal role in the politics and succession struggles of the time. Her marriage to Edward, the Black Prince, further solidified her position within the royal family.

## **The Hundred Years' War and the Triumphs of Henry V**

Perhaps one of the most defining moments of the Plantagenet era was the Hundred Years' War, a protracted conflict between England and France that lasted from 1337 to 1453. This conflict saw England under Plantagenet rule attempting to assert its claims to the French throne, leading to significant military campaigns and diplomatic maneuvers.

During this period, the Plantagenet king Henry V achieved notable victories on the battlefield, most notably at the Battle of Agincourt in 1415. His military successes brought England closer to victory but also posed challenges in terms of governing the captured territories and managing strained financial resources.

## **The Decline of the Plantagenets**

By the late 14th century, the Plantagenet dynasty faced internal strife and external challenges that would ultimately contribute to its decline. The reign of Richard II, a grandson of Edward III, was marred by political unrest and power struggles among the nobility.

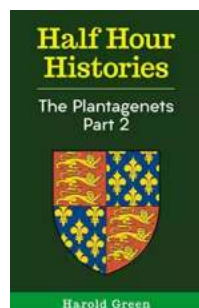
Richard II's unpopular policies and his confrontation with the powerful House of Lancaster resulted in his overthrow and the subsequent ascension of Henry IV. This marked the beginning of the Lancastrian dynasty, which would eventually lead to the end of the Plantagenet era.

## **The Legacy of the Plantagenets**

Despite the eventual downfall of the Plantagenets, their influence and legacy endure to this day. They laid the foundations of English kingship and left a lasting impact on the legal and political systems of England. Their reign witnessed the emergence of defining figures like Edward III and Henry V, who played significant roles in shaping the destiny of the nation.

The Half Hour Histories series by The Plantagenets provides a concise and engaging overview of this fascinating era. By exploring the key events and historical figures of the time, readers can gain a deeper understanding of the interplay between power, politics, and dynasty during this crucial period in English history.

So buckle up and immerse yourself in The Plantagenets: Part 1307-1399 - The Half Hour Histories, and embark on a journey through a captivating era that shaped the destiny of England!



## The Plantagenets Part 2: 1307-1399 (Half Hour Histories) by Harold Green (Kindle Edition)

★★★★★ 5 out of 5

Language : English  
File size : 280 KB  
Text-to-Speech : Enabled  
Screen Reader : Supported  
Enhanced typesetting : Enabled  
Word Wise : Enabled  
Print length : 15 pages  
Lending : Enabled



Enjoy History? Bored of dusty old History books? This book is the book for you.

A no-nonsense, whistle-stop tour through the Kings and Queens of England, starting with the Normans and ending with the Tudors, is the first instalment of the Half Hour Histories series.

Are you English and worried you don't know enough about your own history? Or are you a reader from the rest of the world and intrigued about the rich history of the English Royal families? This is the series for you. In half an hour or less you will be up to speed on one of England's great royal families. No pretentious or unclear language, Harold Green is looking to give History back to the people.

Life is too busy nowadays to spend hours and hours reading books, with each book taking you under half an hour you could foreseeably cover 100

years in as little as 15 minutes. Brush up on your knowledge; impress your family, friends and colleagues – all in under half an hour.



## **The Ultimate Allergy Free Hypnotherapy Script: Say Goodbye to Allergies Naturally!**

Are you tired of dealing with allergies that make your life miserable? Do you wish there was a natural and effective way to finally be allergy-free? Look no...



## **An Alliance Reforged Sentenced To War**

War has always been a backdrop for stories that captivate and inspire, showcasing the triumphs and tragedies born out of the human spirit. In the realm of fantasy,...



## **The Untold Story of Loss Guy Blaze: A Rollercoaster Journey of Pain, Redemption, and Hope**

They say that loss is an inevitable part of life, yet it leaves scars that may never heal. And in the midst of our grief, we often search for stories that resonate with our...



## **The Ultimate Guide to Vegetable Gardening For Beginners: Start Growing Your Own Delicious Vegetables Today!**

Are you interested in starting your own vegetable garden but don't know where to begin? Look no further! This comprehensive guide will provide you with all...



## **Unrestricted Access: New And Classic Short Fiction**

Are you passionate about literature? Do you enjoy immersing yourself in the world of words and imagination? If so, you're in luck! Unrestricted Access brings you a...



## **Self Hypnosis Made Easy - The Ultimate Guide to Unlocking Your Mind's Potential**

: Do you find yourself struggling with various aspects of life and wish you had a tool to help you overcome your limitations and tap into your full potential?...



## **The Misery of Lives: Exploring the Intense Emotions in Anton Chekhov's Stories**

Anton Chekhov, famed Russian playwright and author, is renowned for his remarkable ability to capture the complexities of the human experience. In his collection of stories,...



## The Untold Story of The Oliver Quintrell: A Journey Beyond Imagination

The year was 1892. The maritime world was in awe as rumors began to swirl about a legendary expedition known as The Oliver Quintrell. The ship, commissioned under secret...