

1: The King's Bastard by Rowena Cory Daniells book review

The King's Bastard is the first volume in her King Rolen's Kin trilogy, and it packs enough unique touches (not to mention surprises) in the first dozen chapters to immediately make it one of those s So, when she reached out to me last month to ask if I'd be interested in reviewing both trilogies, I jumped at the chance.

Permanent Scandinavian settlement occurred before , when Rollo , one of the Viking leaders, and King Charles the Simple of France reached an agreement surrendering the county of Rouen to Rollo. The lands around Rouen became the core of the later duchy of Normandy. Alfred returned to England in to visit his mother and perhaps to challenge Harold as king. William was born in or at Falaise , Duchy of Normandy, most likely towards the end of Robert was accused by some writers of killing his brother, a plausible but now unprovable charge. It is unclear if William would have been supplanted in the ducal succession if Robert had had a legitimate son. Although some of his supporters tried to dissuade him from undertaking the journey, Robert convened a council in January and had the assembled Norman magnates swear fealty to William as his heir [2] [15] before leaving for Jerusalem. He died in early July at Nicea , on his way back to Normandy. Some relatives switched sides over time, and are marked with both symbols. William faced several challenges on becoming duke, including his illegitimate birth and his youth: At first, Alan of Brittany had custody of the duke, but when Alan died in either late or October , Gilbert of Brionne took charge of William. According to stories that may have legendary elements, an attempt was made to seize William at Valognes, but he escaped under cover of darkness, seeking refuge with King Henry. The period from to saw almost continuous warfare, with lesser crises continuing until After a long effort, the duke succeeded in exiling Guy in They succeeded in capturing an Angevin fortress, but accomplished little else. William is in the centre, Odo is on the left with empty hands, and Robert is on the right with a sword in his hand. The first, which he led, faced Henry. This second force defeated the invaders at the Battle of Mortemer. According to a late source not generally considered to be reliable, papal sanction was not secured until , but as papal-Norman relations in the s were generally good, and Norman clergy were able to visit Rome in without incident, it was probably secured earlier. He enjoyed excellent health until old age, although he became quite fat in later life. He was not known as a patron of authors, and there is little evidence that he sponsored scholarship or other intellectual activities. Medieval writers criticised William for his greed and cruelty, but his personal piety was universally praised by contemporaries. It was a fairly simple administrative system, built around the ducal household, [53] which consisted of a group of officers including stewards , butlers , and marshalls. This income was collected by the chamber, one of the household departments. He took part in church councils and made several appointments to the Norman episcopate, including the appointment of Maurilius as Archbishop of Rouen. Kings of England are shown in bold. In the childless King Edward of England appears to have chosen William as his successor to the English throne. It was during this exile that Edward offered the throne to William. Local nobles resisted the claim, but William invaded and by had secured control of the area. In William invaded Brittany in a campaign that remains obscure in its details. Its effect, though, was to destabilise Brittany, forcing the duke, Conan II , to focus on internal problems rather than on expansion. William also benefited from his campaign in Brittany by securing the support of some Breton nobles who went on to support the invasion of England in Other sons were granted earldoms later: It may have been Norman propaganda designed to discredit Harold, who had emerged as the main contender to succeed King Edward. Harold, perhaps to secure the support of Edwin and Morcar in his bid for the throne, supported the rebels and persuaded King Edward to replace Tostig with Morcar. Edward was ailing, and he died on 5 January One story, deriving from the Vita Edwardi , a biography of Edward, claims that Edward was attended by his wife Edith, Harold, Archbishop Stigand, and Robert FitzWimarc , and that the king named Harold as his successor. Later English sources stated that Harold had been elected as king by the clergy and magnates of England. English sources claim that Ealdred , the Archbishop of York , performed the ceremony, while Norman sources state that the coronation was performed by Stigand, who was considered a non-canonical archbishop by the papacy. Tostig appears to have received little local support, and further raids into Lincolnshire and near the River Humber met with no more success,

so he retreated to Scotland, where he remained for a time. Although some sort of formal assembly probably was held, it is unlikely that any debate took place, as the duke had by then established control over his nobles, and most of those assembled would have been anxious to secure their share of the rewards from the conquest of England. Henry was still a minor, however, and Sweyn was more likely to support Harold, who could then help Sweyn against the Norwegian king, so these claims should be treated with caution. Although Alexander did give papal approval to the conquest after it succeeded, no other source claims papal support prior to the invasion. To deal with Norman affairs, William put the government of Normandy into the hands of his wife for the duration of the invasion. Although the army and fleet were ready by early August, adverse winds kept the ships in Normandy until late September. William would have preferred to delay the invasion until he could make an unopposed landing. King Harold received word of their invasion and marched north, defeating the invaders and killing Tostig and Hardrada on 25 September at the Battle of Stamford Bridge. William then moved to Hastings, a few miles to the east, where he built a castle as a base of operations. Battle of Hastings After defeating Harald Hardrada and Tostig, Harold left much of his army in the north, including Morcar and Edwin, and marched the rest south to deal with the threatened Norman invasion. Harold stopped in London, and was there for about a week before marching to Hastings, so it is likely that he spent about a week on his march south, averaging about 27 miles 43 kilometres per day, [81] for the distance of approximately miles kilometres. The exact events preceding the battle are obscure, with contradictory accounts in the sources, but all agree that William led his army from his castle and advanced towards the enemy. Two further Norman retreats were feigned, to once again draw the English into pursuit and expose them to repeated attacks by the Norman cavalry. Waltham Abbey, which had been founded by Harold, later claimed that his body had been secretly buried there. After waiting a short while, William secured Dover, parts of Kent, and Canterbury, while also sending a force to capture Winchester, where the royal treasury was. Next he led his forces around the south and west of London, burning along the way. He finally crossed the Thames at Wallingford in early December. William then sent forces into London to construct a castle; he was crowned at Westminster Abbey on Christmas Day Ecclesiastical offices continued to be held by the same bishops as before the invasion, including the uncanonical Stigand. He left his half-brother Odo, the Bishop of Bayeux, in charge of England along with another influential supporter, William fitzOsbern, the son of his former guardian. The town held out for 18 days, and after it fell to William he built a castle to secure his control. Their forces landed near Bristol but were defeated by Eadnoth. By Easter, William was at Winchester, where he was soon joined by his wife Matilda, who was crowned in May Edwin and Morcar submitted, but William continued on to York, building castles at York and Nottingham before returning south. On his southbound journey, the king began constructing castles at Lincoln, Huntingdon, and Cambridge. Then the king returned to Normandy late in . Although William returned to York and built another castle, Edgar remained free, and in the autumn he joined up with King Sweyn of Denmark. York was captured by the combined forces of Edgar and Sweyn. Edgar was proclaimed king by his supporters, but William responded swiftly, ignoring a continental revolt in Maine. William symbolically wore his crown in the ruins of York on Christmas Day, and then proceeded to buy off the Danes. He marched to the River Tees, ravaging the countryside as he went. But William was not finished; he marched over the Pennines during the winter and defeated the remaining rebels at Shrewsbury before building castles at Chester and Stafford. This campaign, which included the burning and destruction of part of the countryside that the royal forces marched through, is usually known as the "Harrying of the North"; it was over by April, when William wore his crown ceremonially for Easter at Winchester. The legates ceremonially crowned William during the Easter court. Some of the native abbots were also deposed, both at the council held near Easter and at a further one near Whitsun. The Whitsun council saw the appointment of Lanfranc as the new Archbishop of Canterbury, and Thomas of Bayeux as the new Archbishop of York, to replace Ealdred, who had died in September William was able to secure the departure of Sweyn and his fleet in, [] allowing him to return to the continent to deal with troubles in Maine, where the town of Le Mans had revolted in . Another concern was the death of Count Baldwin VI of Flanders in July, which led to a succession crisis as his widow, Richilde, was ruling for their two young sons, Arnulf and Baldwin. Richilde proposed marriage to William fitzOsbern, who was in Normandy, and fitzOsbern accepted. But after he was

killed in February at the Battle of Cassel , Robert became count. Earl Edwin was betrayed by his own men and killed, while William built a causeway to subdue the Isle of Ely, where Hereward the Wake and Morcar were hiding. Hereward escaped, but Morcar was captured, deprived of his earldom, and imprisoned. In William invaded Scotland, defeating Malcolm, who had recently invaded the north of England. William and Malcolm agreed to peace by signing the Treaty of Abernethy , and Malcolm probably gave up his son Duncan as a hostage for the peace. Robert also married his half-sister Bertha to the king of France, Philip I , who was opposed to Norman power.

2: The Bastard Executioner (TV Mini-Series) - IMDb

The King's Bastard offers a lot of what I adore about epic fantasy: magical creatures, magic wielders and royal intrigue, as well as compelling characters, but it falls somewhat short of my expectations.

These are the tales that ensue. If one had pressed an ear to his door, it would not have been too hard to make out the slapping sounds that echoed around the chamber. Inside of the room, candlelight flickered across the walls, covering the walls with a golden glow and some especially perverse shadows. But the candles far from the most interesting thing in that room. Lying on the bedspread, covered in sweat and panting, the queen, Margaery Tyrell, laid with her arms and legs spread wide, bare as the day she was born. Her husband wore just as much as she did, as he laid over her. His stiff manhood moved in and out of his young wife, breathing heavily. With a grunt, he thrust himself deep inside of her, and came. As horrible Joffrey could be at times, she could not deny that he satisfied her in ways Renly never even attempted. In that regard, she could hardly complain to be married to the boy. Joffrey removed his cock from her cunt, and rolled on his side next to the beautiful Tyrell. He raised one hand to her breast, and began to toy with her nipple. The king cleared his throat. His cock, hard as stone, sank into her wetness, and both moaned. Joffrey realized, and remedied this as best he could. For all his cruelties, and there were many, one of the few things he cared about was Margaery. He would not let his own wife become too scared of him to let him between her legs. Whatever you say here will not leave this room. He threw his head back into a pillow, unable to stand the agonizingly slow pleasure. Her voice was song-like, as she did her best to keep him happy. He never took me between my legs, but he did please me in other ways, and I pleased him as well. Her voice was like music to his ears. It was her turn to ask him a question. The next was a whore my uncle sent me. She was as loose as could be, but she could do wonders with her mouth. Where would you like to finish? It took all he had to not cum just from the sight of her. Her hair was disheveled, her small breasts bouncing up and down, and her eyes closed with her mouth open in a silent scream of pleasure Joffrey looked up at her, and she could see lust filling his eyes. Margaery rolled off of him, and laid beside him on her back. A small drop of cum leaked out of her cunt, and dropped onto the bed. Your review has been posted.

3: The Kings Bastards | Alliance | zKillboard

A royal bastard is a child of a reigning monarch born out of wedlock. The king might have a child with a mistress, or the legitimacy of a marriage might be questioned for reasons concerning succession.

He laughs when a seer predicts that he will kill his twin. Those so touched are sent to the Abbey to control their gift, or die. From the blurb I could make a educated guess what was in store for me but once I started reading I was off. Featuring fast-paced action sword-fighting and to top it off a very intricate struggle for survival. The latter part was immaculately carried out. The world of The Kings Bastard is divided into three continents: Rolencia where the castle of Rolen stands , Merofynia the other kingdom and Snow Bridge which lies between Rolencia and Merofynia, Ostron Isle a neutral party There have been fierce battle between Rolencia and Merofynia in the past and both countries are always on the lookout for raiding parties coming from the Utland Isles. But also in the past a truce was made between Rolencia and Merofynia where King Rolen was politically married Myrella, the daughter of the Merofynian King. Though they have been wed for some time, there is still a friction between the two countries and is to a certain extent translated to Rolen and Myrella. This is noticeable throughout the first few pages but to my surprise there was a excellent plot twist at the end with the intentions made clear of Lence and what he was plotting Starting the book off with a scene where you get to meet up with Lence and Byren, twins and sons of Rolen the King, fighting with an Affinity beast. A direct plunge into action but also questions started to boil up for me about the whole Affinity part. The royal family was in my opinion quite a scene. Even in the earlier parts of the book the family felt divided. Rolen the King favouring his son Lence, the Kingsheir, over Byren. And Myrella favouring Byren over Lence. This division between family members progresses more and more as lies and truths surface in the royal court. This political intrigue plays an important part in the plot line and was carried out in a neat way, keeping me hooked to know what was lurking around each corner. The book itself is pages, but with the fast overall pacing it felt like pages only, however I did not got the feeling that I missed out on anything. On the contrary, the storyline that is built up is logical, and as I mentioned already there is not a dull moment in the book. The combination of a easy but excellent writing style and keeping me interested made it very enjoyable to read. It is hard to describe but everything just flowed into each other very well, going from the first scenes with Byren to his brothers and sister, to a trial for Fyn till the final revelation of Lence and much much more. But what would a divided court be without a third part whispering in ones ear to spread lies? Well this third party was not lacking at all. I took me a few backtracking to get a grips on who would be it. Okay there was one person insisting Rolen and Lence I found this third party most enjoyable especially when I found out who exactly made everything up in the end Then there is just one aspect left. As I said before, Lence and Byren were hunting an Affinity beast, magical beasts. However Affinity is not only limited to beasts. I already got the gist of what Affinity can do to people and what people can do with Affinity, for better and for worse It was nice to read about a magic that remains for most part obscure and is not shown that flashy, but you know that it is there. It shows a great world, a country in struggle, magical creatures, great characters and brawling action. But the royal hei Why not be the first? Write a reader review Thank you for taking the time to write a review on this book, it really makes a difference and helps readers to find their perfect book.

4: King Rolen's Kin |

The King's Bastard by Rowena Cory Daniells The classic fantasy series, The Chronicles of King Rolen's Kin, is now re-issued in stunning new trade paperback editions. Byren never wanted the throne.

These are the tales that ensue. In this story, Margaery and Joffrey have already been married, and Joffrey is never poisoned. The Red Wedding has not occurred as of yet. The king was getting bored. Joffrey, of Houses Lannister and Baratheon, sat upon the iron throne, absentmindedly toying with the hilt of one of the melted blades that made up the chair. The moon had risen in the sky, and the remainder of the Royal Family had all retired to their chambers for the evening. He alone sat within the Throne Room, unable to sleep. Perhaps one of his favorite pastimes would suffice to put his mind at ease. He glanced over his shoulder at Sandor. The king smirked, and continued to walk down the hallway. She was seated at a table, stitching some pillow. She jolted slightly when she heard Joffrey open the door, and her eyes flickered with a second of fear. She stood, and curtsied. As a king, what does it say about my character if I do not fulfill my promises? He could feel her heart pounding through her chest as he looked into her eyes. Sansa pushed herself away slightly. The king takes what he likes, from who he likes. If she could keep him happy, then that would be better than angering him. She sank to her knees, as Joffrey unlaced his breeches and let them fall to the floor. His manhood sprung forth, long and hard. Sansa viewed it with wide eyes, before tentatively reaching up a hand to it. Joffrey moaned as the Stark girl grasped his cock. Interlacing his fingers into her beautiful red hair, he pulled her head closer to his pelvis. Sansa opened her mouth, and his length slipped into her warm and wet mouth. Her tongue danced around his tip, and he thrust deeper into her throat. Sansa took it all, closing her eyes as the king used her mouth for his pleasure. After a few minutes, Joffrey withdrew himself. Sansa looked up at him, wide-eyed, before rising on his command. Sansa complied; as much as she despised Joffrey, she was wetter than she had ever been before. He lifted her skirts above her waist, and pushed aside her smallclothes, before sinking himself into her maidenhood. This was not missed by Joffrey, who smirked, and picked up a small carving knife that had been on the table. He cut the strings holding the gown off of her, and then ripped it the rest of the way, throwing it on the floor. Sansa Stark, nude, bent over with his cock in her cunt. What more could he ask for, he wondered to himself, as he placed one hand on her head, and the other on her ass. He began to move himself in and out, thrusting with all of his might into the girl. Delicate moans escaped her lips, as her body tensed up and her cunt began to twitch. With a mighty grunt, Joffrey felt her cunt contract, milking his cock as she came, and he could hold out no longer. He came, thrusting as deep as he could. She would be with child soon, that was for sure. Whenever your uncle is too drunk to fuck you properly, just send for me. Sansa could give no response; she could barely move at all. Joffrey smirked at her, and opened the door. The Hound was still standing there, his face red. Joffrey signaled him to follow. Your review has been posted.

5: royalty - Which bastards became kings? - History Stack Exchange

A/U- This will not follow the show's timeline completely. In this story, Margaery and Joffrey have already been married, and Joffrey is never poisoned.

6: William the Conqueror - Wikipedia

The bastard daughter of the king of Spain comes to stay at French court. Two years ago she was here only to be ripped away by tragedy and heartbreak. She takes to Mary right away; falls back into a friendship with Francis and sees it as her responsibility to get them together. Betrayed by Bash once.

7: The King's Bastard by Rowena Cory Daniells £ | Rebellion Publishing Store

Cleopatra's bastard with Julius Caesar, Caesarion, ruled jointly with his mother as the last kings of the Ptolemaic

dynasty of Egypt. After Caesar's assassination, Cleopatra went on to acquire a set of bastard twins from Mark Antony.

8: The King's Bastards Chapter 1: Sansa, a game of thrones fanfic | FanFiction

King Of The Bastards is a full-on throwback to the early 20th century pulp tales, replete with Barbarians, zombies, sea monsters, and gods(?) Telling the story of Rogan, King of the Bastards himself, who has left his throne and seeks adventure in his golden years.

9: Part One: King Leopold II: The First Modern Bastard | BehindTheBastards

The sound of fervent moans filled the king's chambers. If one had pressed an ear to his door, it would not have been to hard to make out the slapping sounds that echoed around the chamber.

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