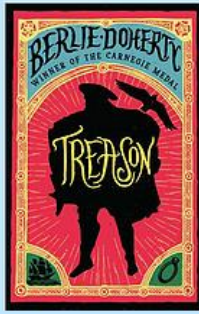


The Tudors



Treason

Berlie Doherty
Chapter book

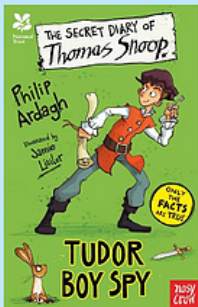
Most suitable for upper KS2, Berlie Doherty offers a tensely dramatic tale with plenty of detail to explore about Tudor life. Set in the time of Henry VIII, this story explores the high tensions around religion and politics in this era as well as opening discussions about the power of the monarchy.



The Queen's Fool

Ally Sherrick
Chapter book

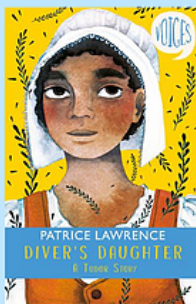
Cat Sparrow lives in Tudor England during the reign of King Henry VIII. When her sister Meg is taken away by a strange figure, Cat sets out on a quest to find her. Living with a learning difficulty in a Tudor world means that Cat is often perceived by others as a 'half-wit'. With the help of a young actor, called Jacques, who has his own quest to complete, Cat embarks upon her quest and ends up joining a travelling troupe before joining Katherine of Aragon's court as the queen's fool. With plenty of historical details as well as everything you'd hope for in a Tudor adventure, from plots and perils to tournaments and feasts, this story offers fresh perspective into life during the Tudor period. Free chapter-by-chapter reading resources are also [available to download from the publisher](#).



The Secret Diary of Thomas Snoop, Tudor Boy Spy

Philip Ardagh & Jamie Littler
Illustrated chapter book

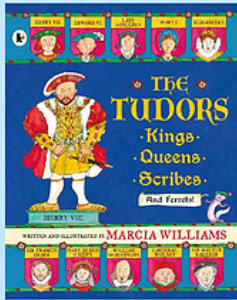
Part of Philip Ardagh's popular 'The Secret Diary of...' series, this is highly entertaining historical fiction for a young audience, bringing a place, a time and a way of life alive for its readers. This one focuses on Thomas Snoop, a trainee spy looking to uncover Tudor traitors making plots against the king.



Diver's Daughter

Patrice Lawrence
Chapter book

Part of the 'Voices' series, which celebrates the experiences of BAME figures in British history, Diver's Daughter gives a unique perspective into life in Tudor times. Eve and her mother start the story in South London. Eve's mother was stolen from Mozambique as a child and the story offers insight into the lives of black families in England during this time. Patrice Lawrence paints a vivid picture of life within the cramped and dirty London streets, which transports the reader into Tudor times. The action moves from London to the South Coast and brings in the story of the sinking of the Mary Rose, as well as the fascinating lives of the divers who went to search for its treasures.



The Tudors: Kings, Queens, Scribes and Ferrets!

Marcia Williams
Comic style picture book

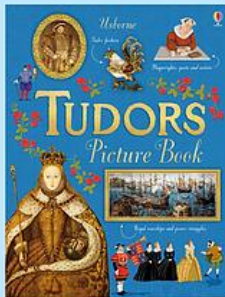
Retelling key events from Tudor history in an accessible way, pupils will enjoy looking over this book time and time again. The historical tales are retold in Marcia Williams' distinctive comic book style, with speech bubbles and many humorous details in both the text and illustrations that pupils will love. Topics include the Wars of the Roses, the Spanish Armada, Christopher Columbus's voyage to America and Henry VIII's many marriages.



Shakespeare's Globe (I Was There)

Valerie Wilding
Chapter book

This short novel follows the exciting story of a young boy actor who was part of Shakespeare's own theatre company. Written from the first-person perspective, the text helps children to imagine what it was like to live in Shakespeare's times and be part of his plays in their original productions.



Tudors: Picture Book

Emily Bone & Galia Bernstein
Information book

A visual, image-filled information text from Usborne, covering different aspects of the Tudor period from monarchs and palaces to dresses and art. A handy reference guide for KS2 pupils to access independently.



My Friend Walter

Michael Morpurgo
Chapter book

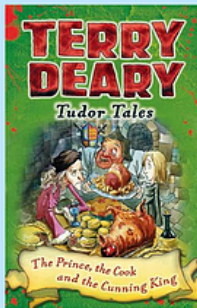
Award-winning children's author Michael Morpurgo brings past and present together when Tudor explorer Sir Walter Raleigh visits a modern day family as a ghost. A good text to choose for making past-and-present comparisons as well as for learning more about the figure of Sir Walter Raleigh and his legacy.



The Queen's Token

Pamela Oldfield & James de la Rue
Illustrated chapter book

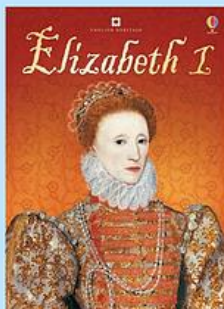
An illustrated Tudor story accessible to most readers in lower KS2, providing a lighter read than some of the other children's novels based on this topic. Stable boy Hal longs to work at King Henry's palace, but his dreams appear to be dashed when he gets accused of being a spy. Free guided reading notes are also [available to download](#) from the publisher.



Tudor Tales: The Prince, the Cook and the Cunning King

Terry Deary & Helen Flook
Illustrated chapter book

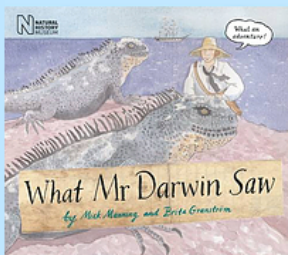
From the author of the popular Horrible Histories, this book is part of the 'Tudor Tales' series. The story is about a young boy who dares to challenge King Henry VII's claim to the throne. The text, which is accompanied by fun illustrations, is easily accessible to most pupils in lower KS2. You may also like the other tales in this series: [The Thief, the Fool and the Big Fat King](#), [The Maid, the Witch and the Cruel Queen](#) and [The Actor, the Rebel and the Wrinkled Queen](#).



Elizabeth I

Stephanie Turnbull & Colin King
Information Book

A simple and easy-to-read introduction to Queen Elizabeth I, covering her reign, family and lifestyle as well as key dates and more general information about life in Tudor England.



What Mr Darwin Saw

Mick Manning & Brita Granstrom
Picture book

This highly illustrated picture book introduces readers to the life and legacy of Charles Darwin. Through diary-like text sections, cartoons and captions, the story offers insight into Darwin's life and how his understanding of evolution developed through real life experiences with nature. Also available from the same author-illustrator team are ['The Wordsworths'](#) and ['The Brontes'](#).