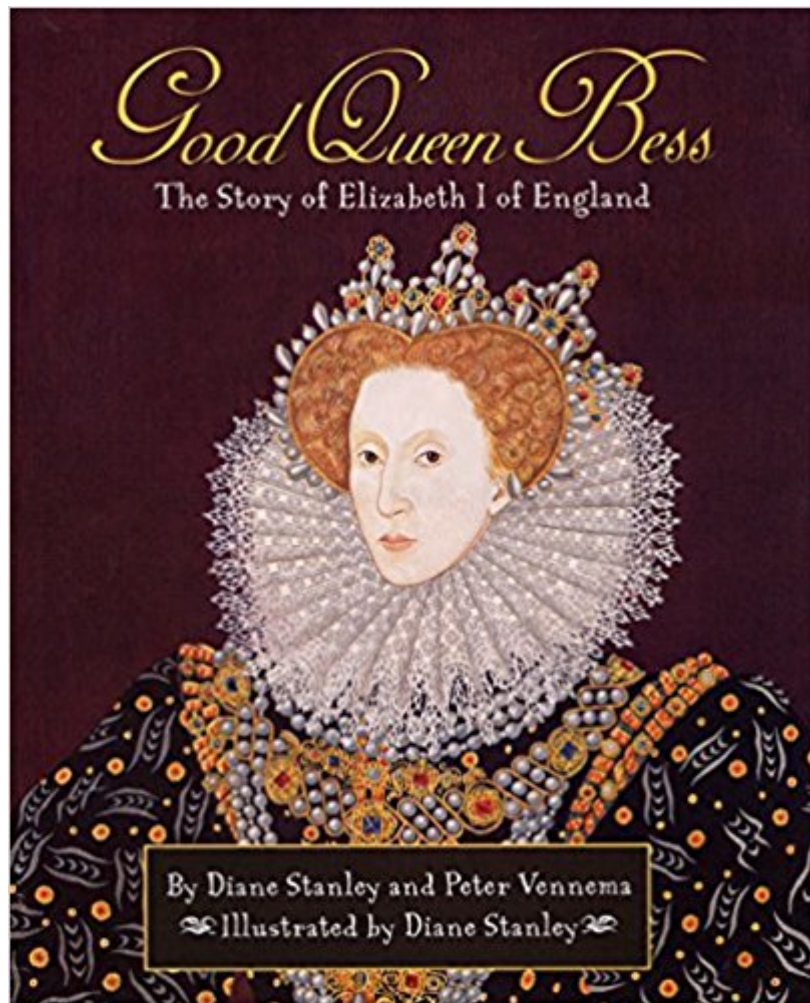




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Good Queen Bess : The Story Of Elizabeth I Of England



Synopsis

She was a queen whose strong will, shrewd diplomacy, religious tolerance and great love for her subjects won the hearts of her people and the admiration of her enemies. Elizabeth was born into an age of religious strife, in which plots and factions were everywhere and private beliefs could be punished by death. When she became queen, her counselors urged her to marry quickly and turn the responsibilities of governing over to her husband, But she outwitted them by stalling, changing her mind; and playing one side against another, as she steered her country to the glorious era of peace and security that would be called the Elizabethan Age. Elizabeth's forceful personality, colorful court, and devoted subjects come vividly to life in this stellar picture-book biography. When it was first published, Good Queen Bess was named a Notable Book in the Field of Social Studies, an American Library Association Notable Book, a Booklist Editors' Choice, an American Bookseller Pick of the Lists, a Boston Globe-Horn Book Honor Book, and an IRA Teachers' Choice. In this welcome reissue, celebrated author and illustrator Diane Stanley and her husband, Peter Vennema, paint an impressive portrait of the remarkable queen who loved her people so dearly and ruled them so well.

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Customer Reviews

Once again available from the husband-and-wife team behind *Bard of Avon: The Story of William Shakespeare*, here is another biography from the Elizabethan Age: *Good Queen Bess: The Story of Elizabeth I of England* (1990) by Diane Stanley and Peter Vennema, illus. by Stanley. Describing the conflict between Catholics and Protestants, the authors lay the groundwork for Queen Elizabeth's greatest challenges: stopping the bloodshed and uniting her country under one faith, and keeping the peace with the rest of Europe. Intricate artwork conveys the delicate lace and accoutrements of court dress, patterned ceilings and cobblestone streets. Copyright 2001 Cahners Business Information, Inc.

Grade 5 Up-- That most wise and wily queen of England, Elizabeth I, is the subject of this picture biography. The handsome illustrations, exemplified by the visualization of those small English boats set afire and launched to face the Spanish Armada, are worthy of their subject. Although the format suggests a picture-book audience, this biography needs to be introduced to older readers who have the background to appreciate and understand this woman who dominated and named an age, and of whom the authors write, "When it came to a clash of wills, the two houses of Parliament and all her councillors were no match for Elizabeth." The text is clearly written, explaining the main events and key decisions of Elizabeth's life and reign. For readers wanting more depth, a short bibliography of mostly adult titles ends the book. --Amy Kellman, Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh Copyright 1990 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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.

We homeschool using a modified ambelside online curriculum (Charlotte Mason method). This is one of the books recommended. My children have loved everything about this curriculum and method.

I came across the original edition of this book years ago and fell in love. I had wanted to check it out of the library a few months back, and color-copy my favorite pages. There were so many to copy

that I decided I should purchase the book. This edition is the same as the original, except that the front cover has been changed (for the better). I recommend this book to everyone interested in English history, Catholic/Protestant relations, European history, and Western Civilization.

We use this book as a part of our homeschool history program and my kids really like it. It gives a condensed version of the story of Queen Elizabeth with enough info to keep the kids interested without being so long that you lose their attention. And the pictures are good too. Highly recommended!!

Anything about Elizabeth I is good to me! I bought this so that my daughter could learn about her in a child-friendly format. It is a good book with nice illustrations. Nice buy for the price.

This is the perfect book for kids learning about the Elizabethan period. My 8 yr old just loved it. It's very comprehensive without being tedious. Lovely artwork, too.

This book is so amazing. I love it. My kids love it.

This is our second Diane Stanley book. As in the Cleopatra biography, excellent writing and elegant rich illustrations bring out the drama and emotion of history. I'll be buying all the rest of this author's works. I read this to a 7 year old. Probably the target age group is more like 8-11.

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