

Bognor and other Regises by Caroline Taggart

5 stars

A potted history of Britain in 100 royal palaces.

This book is a joy and precisely as the sub-title' describes. It is a history lesson gained by making a journey around England, Wales and Scotland, visiting a selection of royal residences. It starts before 1066 and finishes up in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Each section is dedicated to the different Royal houses, from the Normans to the House of Windsor, and it makes for a fascinating read.

In her introduction, Caroline Taggart states, quite rightly, that most of us are fascinated by royalty, past and present, and they have left their mark upon our landscape. In her excellent narrative, we are given the opportunity to visit known and unknown places and read about the stories behind them. It is crammed with interesting and amusing facts, and the book is beautifully presented with maps of the locations. It is also written in a charming way, never too heavy, but full of detail. She has chosen 100 royal palaces but tells us she could easily have selected more. Perhaps there will be a second book?

This is a book to have near you at all times. It will tempt you to go and see places you have never visited before or to return to known venues with fresh knowledge.

I cannot recommend this book too highly.

Jane

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