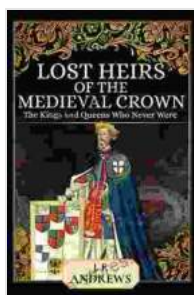


The Kings and Queens Who Never Were: Uncovering the Lost Royalties of History

Throughout history, there have been countless individuals who have claimed to be the rightful heir to a throne, only to be met with skepticism and rejection. These pretenders to the throne, often known as pretenders, have come from all walks of life, from humble peasants to deposed nobles.



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Some pretenders have achieved great success, even managing to seize power for a time. Others have spent their lives in obscurity, their claims never being recognized.

In this article, we will explore some of the most famous pretenders to the throne, and uncover the stories behind their claims.

Lampert Simnel



Lampert Simnel was a young baker's son who was crowned King Edward VI of England in 1487. He was supported by John de la Pole, Earl of Lincoln, who believed that Simnel was the rightful heir to the throne.

Simnel's claim was based on the fact that he bore a striking resemblance to Edward V, the young king who had disappeared in the Tower of London in

1483. Many people believed that Edward V had been murdered, and that Simnel was his rightful successor.

Simnel's rebellion was short-lived. He was defeated at the Battle of Stoke Field in 1487, and was taken prisoner. He was later pardoned by King Henry VII, and spent the rest of his life as a servant in the royal household.

Perkin Warbeck



Perkin Warbeck was another pretender to the English throne who claimed to be Edward V. He was born in Flanders in 1474, and was educated by the Duchess of Burgundy, who was a supporter of the Yorkist cause.

Warbeck's claim was based on the fact that he bore a striking resemblance to Edward V. He also had a birthmark on his left shoulder, which was said to be a sign that he was the rightful heir to the throne.

Warbeck's rebellion was more successful than Simnel's. He managed to gather a large army, and even invaded England in 1497. However, he was defeated at the Battle of Blackheath, and was taken prisoner.

Warbeck was executed in 1499. He was the last major pretender to the English throne.

Maria Theresa of Austria



Maria Theresa of Austria was the Archduchess of Austria and Queen of Hungary and Bohemia. She was also a pretender to the French throne, claiming to be the rightful heir of Louis XIV.

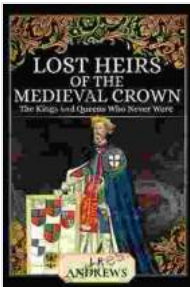
Maria Theresa's claim was based on the fact that she was the daughter of Charles VI, Holy Roman Emperor, and Elizabeth Christine of Brunswick-

Wolfenbüttel. Charles VI was the last of the Habsburg dynasty, and his death in 1740 without a male heir left the Austrian throne vacant.

Maria Theresa's claim to the French throne was based on the fact that she was a descendant of Louis XIV's brother, Philip V, Duke of Anjou. Philip V had renounced his claim to the French throne in 1713, but Maria Theresa argued that this renunciation was invalid.

Maria Theresa's claim to the French throne was never recognized. However, she did succeed in securing the Austrian throne for her son, Joseph II.

The stories of these pretenders to the throne are a reminder that history is not always written by the victors. These individuals, who claimed to be the rightful heirs to a throne, were often met with skepticism and rejection. However, their stories are a testament to the human desire for power, and the lengths that people will go to achieve it.



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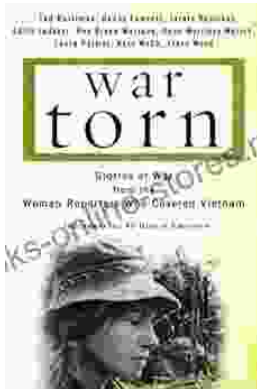
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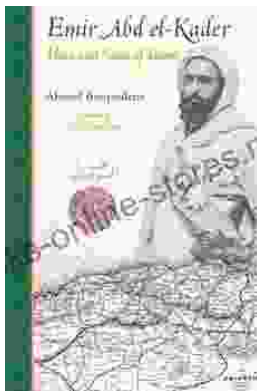
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