**The Tudor Monarchy**

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These are works that I would particularly recommend, both for yourselves and your students. I’ve focussed on accessible works – both in content and cost.

1. **General Textbooks**
* John Guy, *The Tudors: a very short introduction* (Oxford, 2000)

Very short, very easy, with a few references to John’s work on Mary and her council, which is only available in a summary in my own book otherwise.

* Mark Nicholls, *A history of the British Isles: the two kingdoms, 1529-1603* (Oxford, 1998)

Misses out Henry VII and the first part of Henry VIII’s reign, but an excellent book otherwise, with useful chronologies at the start of each chapter. The volume on the Stuarts, by David Smith is also excellent.

* Robert Tittler & Norman Jones (eds.), *A Companion to Tudor Britain* (Oxford, 2009)

An excellent introduction to a whole range of issues on political, social, cultural and religious history organised thematically and providing an excellent synthesis of current research. On politics, it includes chapters on the establishment of the dynasty, early Tudor government, the court, Elizabethan government). Note it also covers Scotland.

* Susan Doran and Norman Jones (eds.), *The Elizabethan World* (London and New York, 2011)

Like the *Companion*, above, but limited to Elizabeth’s reign. The hardback is ridiculously expensive (£155); the paperback has now come out though it is still £45. There is also a kindle edition at £38.

* John Morrill (ed.), *The Oxford Illustrated history of Tudor and Stuart Britain* (Oxford, 1996)

Good general articles on a range of subjects with pictures.

* Victor Stater (ed.), The *political history of Tudor and Stuart England: a sourcebook* (London, 2002)

Useful collection of primary sources.

1. **The historiography**
* John Guy (ed.), *The Tudor monarchy* (London, 1997)

This is an excellent book. John lays out the historiographical development briefly but effectively in the general introduction and the introductions to each section. The book also contains two key articles not available elsewhere:

* John’s own ‘Tudor monarchy and its critiques’, which is a fantastic survey of the period and the issues that I have talked about in the lecture.
* Stephen Alford’s ‘Reassessing William Cecil in the 1560s’ which gives a brief overview of Burghley’s ‘mental world’ for those of you who don’t want to splash out on his first book, *The early Elizabethan polity* (Cambridge, 1998 and subsequently in paperback).

*The Tudor monarchy* also contains many of the seminal articles on this period that I have referred to in the lecture (without naming): Gunn and Condon on Henry VII, Starkey’s ‘Representation through intimacy’ and ‘Court and government’ (similar), Adams on faction (this covers Elizabeth and puts to an end the debate about whether Elizabethan politics were factional) and Collinson’s ‘monarchical republic’.

1. **Henry VII**
* Christine Carpenter, The wars of the Roses, politics and the constitution, c.1437-1509 (Cambridge, 1997)

Excellent on the medieval side (especially chapters 2 & 3 on the general workings of medieval governance) but the chapter on Henry VII is VERY old-fashioned.

* David Grummitt, ‘The establishment of the Tudor dynasty’, in Tittler & Jones (eds.), Companion to Tudor Britain, pp. 13-28.
* Margaret Condon, ‘Ruling elites in the reign of Henry VII’, in John Guy (ed.), The Tudor monarchy (1997)
* S J Gunn, ‘The courtiers of Henry VII,’ English Historical Review, 108 (1993), pp. 23-49 and reprinted in John Guy (ed.), The Tudor monarchy (1997)
* S J Gunn, Early Tudor Government (1995)
* Sean Cunningham, Henry VII (London and New York, 2007)
1. **Henry VIII**
* Diarmaid MacCulloch (ed.), *The reign of Henry VIII* (Basingstoke, 1995)
* John Guy, ‘Wolsey and the Tudor polity’, in Guy (ed.), The Tudor monarchy (1997)
* David Starkey, ‘Intimacy and innovation: the rise of the privy chamber, 1485-1547’ and ‘Court and government’, both reprinted in John Guy (ed.), *The Tudor monarchy* (London, 1997).
* John Guy, ‘Thomas Cromwell and the intellectual origins of the Henrician revolution’, reprinted in Guy, *The Tudor Monarchy* (1997)

Unfortunately, all of the important material on factionalism is in academic journals, though both Ives and Bernard have published biographies of Anne Boleyn.

1. **Edward VI**
* Diarmaid MacCulloch, *Tudor church militant* (London, 1999): published in the US as *The boy king*
* Edward VI, *England’s boy king: the diary of Edward VI*, ed. Jonathan North (London?, 2005)
1. **Mary I**
* Judith Richards, *Mary Tudor* (Abingdon & New York, 2008)
1. **Elizabeth I**
* David Dean, ‘Elizabethan government and politics’, in Tittler & Jones (eds.), *Companion to Tudor Britain*, pp. 44-60.
* Simon Adams, ‘Favourites and factions at the Elizabethan court’, reprinted in Guy (ed.), *Tudor monarchy*, pp. 253-74
* Norman Jones, ‘Governing Elizabethan England’ in Susan Doran and Norman Jones (eds.), *The Elizabethan World* (London and New York, 2011), pp. 19-34
* Susan Doran, ‘The queen’ in Doran and Jones (eds.), *The Elizabethan World*, pp. 35-58.
* Natalie Mears, ‘The Council’, in Doran and Jones (eds.), *The Elizabethan World*, pp. 59-75.
* Donald V Stump and Susan Felch (eds), Elizabeth I and her age (Norton Critical Editions, 2009): a collection of both primary sources and selections from important secondary works.
* Susan Doran, *Monarchy and matrimony: the courtships of Elizabeth I* (London, 1996): an excellent and accessible book which established that Elizabeth was serious about all the marriage negotiations.
1. **Parliament**
* Michael A R Graves, The Tudor parliaments: crown, lords and commons, 1485-1603 (London, 1985).
* T.E. Hartley, *Elizabeth’s parliaments: queen, lords and commons, 1559-1601* (Manchester and New York, 1992).

**Websites**

* <http://www.oxforddnb.com/> Oxford’s *Dictionary of National Biography* has a large number of biographies of principal and secondary figures from the 16th century and, written by some of the best historians around, they provide a good way of catching up on the latest research. Many public libraries have *ODNB* and it can be used there for free; some libraries allow you remote access.
* <http://www.tudors.org/> This is John Guy’s website and has lots of lectures etc on all sorts of Tudor subjects given by John himself for different levels of students, as well as links to primary sources etc.
* <http://www.thehistoryfaculty.org/> This is the history section of The Faculties, which covers a range of different subjects, and provides podcasts etc by leading academics on a whole range of different historical periods and subjects.