

The Bayeux Tapestry The Life Story Of A Masterpiece

Historical background of the tapestry, and detailed narration of its story.

A study of the women, on all sides, who had major parts to play in the momentous year of 1066.

A leading authority on the Bayeux Tapestry examines the work "frame by frame" in this profusely illustrated and annotated volume.

The vivid scenes on the Bayeux Tapestry depict the events leading up to the Battle of Hastings in 1066. It is one of Europe's greatest treasures and its own story is full of drama and surprise. Who commissioned the tapestry? Was it Bishop Odo, William's ruthless half-brother? Or Harold's dynamic sister Edith, juggling for a place in the new court? Hicks shows us this world and the miracle of the tapestry's making: the stitches, dyes and strange details in the margins. For centuries it lay ignored in Bayeux cathedral until its 'discovery' in the eighteenth century. It became a symbol of power as well as art: townsfolk saved it during the French Revolution; Napoleon displayed it to promote his own conquest; the Nazis strove to make it their own; and its influence endures today. This marvellous book, packed with thrilling stories, shows how we remake history in every age and how a great work of art has a life of its own.

With over 1780 entries, Szabo and Kuefler offer the largest and most heavily annotated bibliography on the Tapestry ever written.

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The Anglo-Saxons placed a great deal of importance on wisdom and learning, something Beowulf makes dramatically clear when he uses his 'wordhord' to command respect and admiration from his friends and foes alike. Modern day scholars no longer have recourse to the living language and culture of the Anglo-Saxons, and as a result must turn to their 'wordhords' - the literary, historical, and cultural artefacts that have survived in various degrees of intactness - to learn about life in Anglo-Saxon England. This collection of essays, gathered to honour the memory of the noted Anglo-Saxonist Edward B. Irving, Jr., brings together an international group of leading scholars who take the measure of Anglo-Saxon literary, textual, and lexical studies in the present moment. Ranging from philological and structural studies to ones that explicitly engage a variety of contemporary theoretical issues, they reflect the rich diversity of approaches to be found among Anglo-Saxonists.

Subjects addressed include comparative work on Old English and Latin, and on Old English, ancient Greek, and South Slavic, notions of authorship and textual integrity, techniques of editing, heroic poetry, religious verse, lexicography, oral tradition, and material textuality.

Offering a fresh reading of some popular pieces and inviting attention to some less-familiar texts, these previously unpublished essays illustrate the latest state of particular techniques for literary/critical analysis, textual recovery, and lexical studies.

Voor de moeders van verdwenen jongeren in Argentinië was het in de jaren zeventig moeilijk om te protesteren. Maar elke donderdag liepen ze langs de overheidsgebouwen met hoofddoeken waarop ze hun namen hadden geborduurd. Zo voerden ze actie, met naald en draad als wapen. Mary, Queen of Scots stond in zestiende-eeuws Engeland onder huisarrest. Haar brieven werden gecensureerd. Toch wist ze geheime boodschappen over te brengen aan de buitenwereld: via haar borduurwerk. Levensdraden strekt zich uit van middeleeuws Frankrijk tot naoorlogs Nederland, van een krijgsgevangenkamp in Singapore tot een familiezolder in Schotland, van de politieke propaganda van het tapijt van Bayeux en soldaten uit de Eerste Wereldoorlog met PTSS tot de kaarten die meisjes in de Nieuwe Wereld naaiden. Het is een kroniek van identiteit, protest, herinnering, macht en politiek, meesterlijk verteld aan de hand van de geschiedenis van mannen en vrouwen die, dwars door de eeuwen en over continenten heen, de taal van naald en draad hebben gebruikt om hun stem te laten horen, zelfs in de moeilijkste omstandigheden. Levensdraden is een even fascinerend als ontroerend boek over de grote sociale, emotionele en politieke betekenis van handwerk. Clare Hunter is textielkunstenaar en -curator. Zij schreef deze unieke geschiedenis met een grote kennis van een ambacht dat al te vaak over het hoofd is gezien of vergeten.

Highlights the background of the construction of the Bayeux Tapestry and the events of 1066 that it portrays

The story of the Norman Conquest and the Battle of Hastings as shown in the Bayeux Tapestry is arguably the most widely-known in the entire panoply of English history, and over the last 200 years there have been hundreds of books portraying the Tapestry and seeking to analyze its meanings. Yet, there is one aspect of the embroidery that has been virtually ignored or dismissed as unimportant by historians – the details in the margins. Yet the fables shown in the margins are not just part of a decorative ribbon, neither are they discontinuous, but in fact follow-on in sequence. When this is understood, it becomes clear that they must relate in some way to the action shown on the body of the Tapestry. After careful examination, it has become clear that the purpose of these images is to amplify, elaborate or explain the main story. In this groundbreaking study, Arthur Wright reveals for the first time the significance of the images in the margins. This has meant that it is possible to see the 'whole' story as never before, enabling a more complete picture of the Bayeux Tapestry to be constructed. This, in turn, has led to the author reexamining many of the scenes in the main body of the work, showing that a number of the basic assumptions, so often taught as facts, have been based on nothing more than reasoned conjecture. It might be thought that after so much has been written about the Bayeux Tapestry there was nothing more to be said, but Decoding the Bayeux Tapestry shows us just how much there is still to be learned.

An intertwining of two narratives follows three hundred of the most talented women in a kingdom in Northern France as they bring to life their queen's vision of what will become of the famous Bayeux tapestry.

In 'De zussen Van Gogh' haalt kunsthistoricus Willem-Jan Verlinden de drie dochters van de familie Van Gogh uit de schaduw van hun broers Vincent en Theo, en schetst een fascinerend tijdsbeeld van de turbulente ontwikkelingen tijdens de tweede helft van de negentiende eeuw en het fin de siècle. Het verhaal van de zussen Anna, Lies en Wil van Gogh is nooit eerder verteld. Ze groeiden op in een tijd dat er voor het eerst lange afstanden met de trein konden worden afgelegd, 'impressionist' nog een spotnaam was, de vrouwenbeweging net in de kinderschoenen stond en dromers van allerlei politieke gezindten op de barricades stonden om de revolutie af te kondigen. Willem-Jan Verlinden brengt de aspiraties, dromen, teleurstellingen en het verdriet van de drie zussen Van Gogh prachtig in beeld en geeft een unieke inkijk in een bijzonder gezin tegen de achtergrond van een wereld die in rap tempo veranderde.

The vivid scenes on the thin, 70-metre long linen strip of the Bayeux Tapestry depict the events leading up to the Battle of Hastings in 1066 when William the Conqueror seized the English throne. One of Europe's greatest treasures, it tells a magnificent tale - but as Carola Hicks shows, its own story has been just as dramatic and surprising. From the start there are mysteries and controversies. Who commissioned the tapestry? Was it Bishop Odo, William's ruthless half-brother? Or

another ambitious lord? Or was it Harold's dynamic sister Edith, widow of Edward the Confessor, juggling for a place in the new court? Hicks makes an entirely new, strong case for Edith, showing us her world and the miracle of the tapestry's making: talented women in convents plying their needles, the stitches and dyes, the strange details in the margins. The tapestry moved from a noble court to Bayeux cathedral where it lay dusty and ignored until its discovery in the eighteenth century, rousing fierce disputes between British and French antiquarians. In the French Revolution, the townsfolk narrowly saved it from destruction, while Napoleon displayed it in Paris to boost his own planned conquest. Nineteenth century women claimed it as female history, to the horror of male historians. In the twentieth century it was swept up in the breathtaking struggle with the Nazis and since then its immediately recognisable images have inspired films, novels, political cartoons and adverts - even today, it acts as shorthand for our long rivalry with France. This marvellous book, packed with thrilling stories, shows how we remake history in every age and how a great work of art has a life of its own, enduring every storm.

The Battle of Hastings in 1066 is the one date forever seared on the British national psyche. It enabled the Norman Conquest that marked the end of Anglo-Saxon England. But there was much more to the Normans than the invading army Duke William shipped over from Normandy to the shores of Sussex. How a band of marauding warriors established some of the most powerful dominions in Europe - in Sicily and France, as well as England - is an improbably romantic idea. In exploring Norman culture in all its regions, Leonie V Hicks is able to place the Normans in the full context of early medieval society. Her wide ranging comparative perspective enables the Norman story to be told in full, so that the societies of Rollo, William, Robert (Guiscard) and Roger are given the focused attention they deserve. From Hastings to the martial exploits of Bohemond and Tancred on the First Crusade; from castles and keeps to Romanesque cathedrals; and from the founding of the Kingdom of Sicily (1130) to cross-cultural encounters with Byzantines and Muslims, this is a fresh and lively survey of one of the most popular topics in European history.

La Tapisserie de Bayeux, chef d'oeuvre unique au monde, est en fait une broderie de laine sur une toile de lin. Sur près de 70 mètres de long, elle raconte la conquête de l'Angleterre par Guillaume, duc de Normandie, en 1066. Elle se révèle aussi un incroyable documentaire sur la vie au XI^e siècle. Au fil de reproductions de grande qualité, l'auteur s'attache à éclairer les événements qui ont motivé la conquête et à retracer la célèbre bataille de Hastings où le roi d'Angleterre, Harold II, trouve la mort. De nombreux arrêts sur image aident le lecteur à décrypter des détails de la vie quotidienne ou à apprécier des sujets cocasses. Sylvette Lemagnen est conservateur de la Tapisserie de Bayeux. Elle a acquis une connaissance fine de l'oeuvre au cours des 26 années d'un travail journalier enrichi par des rencontres avec des spécialistes du Moyen Âge. Elle est l'auteur de nombreux articles et a participé à l'élaboration de plusieurs expositions et colloques relatifs à la Tapisserie.

This volume offers unparalleled coverage of all aspects of art and architecture from medieval Western Europe, from the 6th century to the early 16th century. Drawing upon the expansive scholarship in the celebrated 'Grove Dictionary of Art' and adding hundreds of new entries, it offers students, researchers and the general public a reliable, up-to-date, and convenient resource covering this field of major importance in the development of Western history and international art and architecture.

WITH A FOREWORD BY GRAYSON PERRY Carola Hicks sets out to solve the mystery of one of art history's greatest paintings, The Arnolfini Portrait. The Arnolfini Portrait by Jan van Eyck in 1434 hangs in the National Gallery in London and remains a mystery to this day. Is the painting of the girl in the green gown the celebration of marriage or pregnancy, a memorial to a wife who died in childbirth, a fashion statement or a status symbol? Using her acclaimed forensic skills as an art historian, Carola Hicks set out to decode the mystery of one of the most enigmatic paintings in the western art. 'This book will send you back to the National Gallery with much sharper eyes' Independent on Sunday

Essays on the brief but tumultuous reign of Harold II, and one of our most important sources of knowledge of the time - the Bayeux Tapestry.

Presents the Anglo-Saxon period of English history from the fifth century up to the late eleventh century, covering such events as the spread of Christianity, the invasions of the Vikings, the composition of Beowulf, and the Battle of Hastings.

This book, *Lives of Reigning and Consort Queens of England: England's History through the Eyes of its Queens*, is a factual narrative on lives of Norman, Plantagenet, Tudor, Stuart, Hanover, and Windsor queens covering a millennium of English History. The biographical portraits start at the close of the Dark Ages with the Norman Conquest of 1066, and continue to Modern Time in the life of present Queen Elizabeth II. This narrative of fifty short chronological biographies gives a view into life and courtly customs from an age far removed from the present toward the way of life we know today. Through the lives of these women, one sees England's history unroll. Although the narratives are brief, they bring individuals to life without judgmental prejudice as unique personalities. One of the fifty personalities, 7 were reigning queens, 38 were queen consort wives of monarchs, and 5 were wives of "favorites" who did not reign, but who played a significant role during the life of a ruling king. This sample of women on the throne, or close to the throne is too large to expect any single quality can characterize them all: Some served as exemplary reigning queens, or as consorts whom actively supported a sovereign husband or son. Some assertively played the part of regent as a significant power behind the throne. Some influenced historic events for religious reasons. Many avoided political involvement, but had great influence on culture and custom. Some had personal qualities that made them inherently interesting and deserving of friendship. A relatively small number of the queens were entirely unsuited to be queens. Some queen consorts resisted familiarity and remain enigmatic figures. Some were always manipulated by historic events of the time and deprived them of opportunity to leave a personal mark of history. Others served chiefly as supportive mothers and wives.

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This volume captures the complexity and diversity of ideas surrounding the life course in early medieval English culture, with chapters ranging across the interconnected realms of language, culture, medicine, onomastics, literature and the material world. Harold Godwinson was king of England from January 1066 until his death at Hastings in October of that year. For much of the reign of Edward the Confessor, who was married to Harold's sister Eadgyth, the Godwine family, led by Earl Godwine, had

dominated English politics. In *The Rise and Fall of the House of Godwine*, Emma Mason tells the turbulent story of a remarkable family which, until Harold's unexpected defeat, looked far more likely than the dukes of Normandy to provide the long-term rulers of England. But for the Norman Conquest, an Anglo-Saxon England ruled by the Godwine dynasty would have developed very differently from that dominated by the Normans.

****SUNDAY TIMES BESTSELLER** **RADIO 4 BOOK OF THE WEEK** **WATERSTONES SCOTTISH BOOK OF THE MONTH**** 'An astonishing feat' Christina Patterson, Sunday Times 'An inspiring and moving sideways look at history' Eithne Farry, Sunday Express An eloquent blend of history and memoir, *Threads of Life* is an evocative and moving book about the need we all have to tell our story. From political propaganda in medieval France to secret treason in Tudor England, from the mothers of the desaparecidos in Argentina to First World War soldiers with PTSD, from a POW camp in Singapore to a family attic in Scotland, *Threads of Life* is a global chronicle of identity, protest, memory and politics. Banner-maker, community textile artist and textile curator Clare Hunter chronicles the stories of the men and women, over centuries and across continents, who have used the language of sewing to make their voices heard, even in the most desperate of circumstances. 'A beautifully considered book... Clare Hunter has managed to mix the personal with the political with moving results.' TRACY CHEVALIER

Odo of Conteville, the younger half-brother of William the Conqueror, was ordained Bishop of Bayeux while still in his teens. A larger than life character, he is best known for commissioning the Bayeux Tapestry, in which he makes a dashing appearance at the height of the Battle of Hastings. He also played a pivotal role in the planning and implementation of the Conquest of England, after which, as Earl of Kent, he was second only to William in wealth and power. The popular impression of Odo is of a not so loveable rogue, who typified the worst excesses of the Norman conquerors. He was the first Chief Justice of England and on occasion also acted as regent when the king was in Normandy. After defrauding both Crown and Church, however, Odo was disgraced and his plans to raise an unauthorised army for a campaign in Italy, possibly in order to gain the papacy, saw him imprisoned for five years. He was released by the dying William in 1087, but soon rebelled against the new king, his nephew William Rufus. Yet Odo was far from being a loutish philistine. The bishop recognised the value of education and the arts and amongst his less well-known activities was his generous patronage of both. Trevor Rowley's book is the first full-length biography of Odo, which seeks to redress this balance and to make Bishop Odo's extraordinary life-story known. TREVOR ROWLEY was Deputy Director of Continuing Education at the University of Oxford for fifteen years. He is an Emeritus Fellow of Kellogg College, Oxford and a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries. He has written numerous books, including *The Normans* and *The Welsh Borderland* (THP). He lives in Oxfordshire.

An Archaeological Study of the Bayeux Tapestry provides a unique re-examination of this famous piece of work through the historical geography and archaeology of the tapestry. Trevor Rowley is the first author to have analysed the tapestry through the landscapes, buildings and structures shown, such as towns and castles, while comparing them to the landscapes, buildings, ruins and earthworks which can be seen today. By comparing illustrated extracts from the tapestry to historical and contemporary illustrations, maps and reconstructions Rowley is able to provide the reader with a unique visual setting against which they are able to place the events on the tapestry. This approach allows Rowley to challenge a number of generally accepted assumptions regarding the location of several scenes in the tapestry, most controversially suggesting that William may never have gone to Hastings at all. Finally, Rowley tackles the missing end of the tapestry, suggesting the places and events which would have been depicted on this portion of Williams journey to Westminster. William, the son of a duke and a peasant, spent his childhood in hiding, raised among the Norman peasantry. Lords owing fealty to him would have murdered him—if they had found him. He spent his early adult years fighting rebel lords for his birthright. As Duke of Normandy, he claimed the throne of England after the death of Edward the Confessor, King of England, who William said had promised to name him heir. When England refused him, he built a huge fleet, sailed across the channel, and killed Harold, the newly crowned English king, at the Battle of Hastings. One by one, English towns fell to William and his Norman army as they marched toward London. Cowering in fear, Londoners had no choice—they opened the gates and made William the Conqueror their first Norman king.

The needle arts are traditionally associated with the decorative, domestic, and feminine. *Stitching the Self* sets out to expand this narrow view, demonstrating how needlework has emerged as an art form through which both objects and identities – social, political, and often non-conformist – are crafted. Bringing together the work of ten art and craft historians, this illustrated collection focuses on the interplay between craft and artistry, amateurism and professionalism, and re-evaluates ideas of gendered production between 1850 and the present. From quilting in settler Canada to the embroidery of suffragist banners and the needlework of the Bloomsbury Group, it reveals how needlework is a transformative process – one which is used to express political ideas, forge professional relationships, and document shifting identities. With a range of methodological approaches, including object-based, feminist, and historical analyses, *Stitching the Self* examines individual and communal involvement in a range of textile practices. Exploring how stitching shapes both self and world, the book recognizes the needle as a powerful tool in the fight for self-expression.

New approaches to what is arguably the most famous artefact from the Middle Ages.

Key articles on the Bayeux tapestry collected in one volume, providing a comprehensive companion to its study.

Edward the Confessor, the last great king of Anglo-Saxon England, canonized nearly 100 years after his death, is in part a figure of myths created in the late middle ages. In this revealing portrait of England's royal saint, David Woodman traces the course of Edward's twenty-four-year-long reign through the lens of contemporary sources, from the Anglo-Saxon Chronicle and the *Vita Ædwardi Regis* to the Bayeux Tapestry, to separate myth from history and uncover the complex politics of his life. He shows Edward to be a shrewd politician who, having endured a long period of exile from England in his youth, ascended the throne in 1042 and came to control a highly sophisticated and powerful administration. The twists and turns of Edward's reign are generally seen as a prelude to the Norman Conquest in 1066. Woodman explains clearly how events unfolded and personalities interacted but, unlike many, he shows a capable and

impressive king at the centre of them.

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Each year more than 250,000 people visit the Chapel of King's College, Cambridge, one of Europe's best-known buildings. This book tells the untold story of the Chapel's crowning glory, its stained glass windows, and of the people who created them - the triumphant culmination of a project completed despite wars, the death of kings and violent religious conflict. The glass symbolises the power of the Tudors, and is a mirror of their souls. Planned by Henry VII and continued by Henry VIII, the windows are dynastic propaganda, simultaneously blatant and subtle. The windows show how Henry commemorated his wives in art, then airbrushed them out when they fell from favour, and how he recruited leading artists to make this England's response to the Sistine Chapel. The great 'King's Glass' also flaunts the skills of its makers, many of them innovative immigrants. It is a tale of guilds and artisans as well as of the court. It is, too, a history of England, reflecting change, conflict and modernity in the sixteenth century.

One of the great achievements of the medieval world, the Bayeux Tapestry is brought to life with brilliant reproductions and a vivid, explanatory narrative text.

A full and provocative reappraisal of the Bayeux "Tapestry", its origins, design and patronage.

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