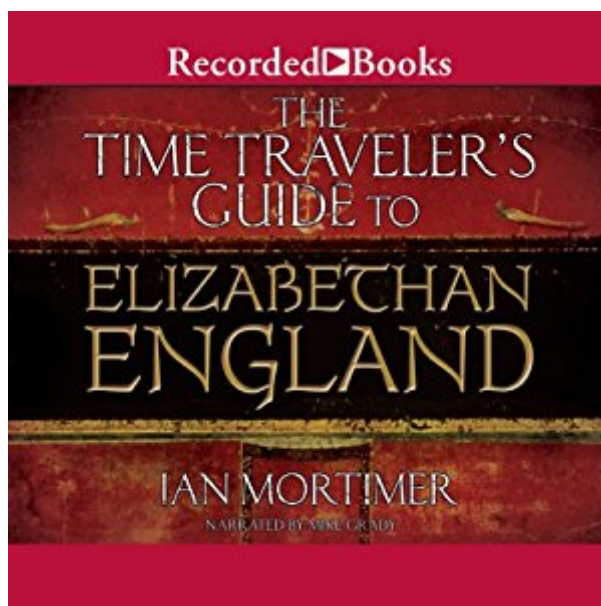


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# The Time Traveler's Guide To Elizabethan England



## Synopsis

Organized as a travel guide for the time-hopping tourist, *The Time-Traveler's Guide to Elizabethan England* is an entertaining popular history with a twist. Historian Ian Mortimer reveals in delightful (and occasionally disturbing) detail how the streets and homes of 16th century looked, sounded, and smelled for both peasants and for royals; what people wore and ate; how they were punished for crimes and treated for diseases; and the complex and contradictory Elizabethan attitudes toward violence, class, sex, and religion. Mortimer also indulges readers in the lives of literary luminaries such as Shakespeare, Marlowe, and Sir Walter Raleigh.

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## Customer Reviews

Having read & used his Medieval book in my college-level Western Civ course (I'm the prof), I was eager to see how this one would stack up. It is great, mostly for one reason: though it covers similar ground, the Elizabethan volume does it differently. Different periods, different approach. Sounds intuitive but I'm sure there was a temptation to replicate the earlier volume as is. Thankfully this is just as fresh as the earlier. Used part of it in class this semester & even jaded college students have really responded to this examination of everyday lives in what pop culture often shows as a soap opera.

Some parts were really interesting esp the food, entertainment and hygiene. I just found some parts really dragging and difficult to follow, esp the part abt clothing. The flow was better though than the medieval edition which took too long with the law chapter. The voice was in general good and light to follow. Recommended for anyone interested in history and culture. Best read in tandem with the

medieval book.

Engaging travelogue style tells the tale of Elizabeth's reign. What will you drink? What will you wear to bed? Who will keep you safe? Entertaining style with a lovely sense of humor. Lots of information, but not dry at all. Love reading this series.

If you want to not just discover what other time periods were like, but to live them, Ian Mortimer is the guide you want to have. He has once again, in excellent prose, described another era in ways which are easily understandable, enjoyable and interesting. How did these people live? What did they do? What did they think? What did they eat and wear? How did they entertain themselves? How did they take care of themselves? What did they suffer from? He lays it out in a thorough and organized (yet not methodical) fashion transporting you to another age. I can't wait to see where he will take us next.,

Ian Mortimer really knows his stuff and write well. A very through guide to England of the mid-1500s to the early 1600s Interesting both for the casual reader and suitable for the more serious devotee of English/British history.

Terrific and comprehensive book describing every aspect of life in Elizabethan England. Ian Mortimer leaves no stone unturned, discussing every aspect of life, from one's diet, to transportation, clothing, jobs- you name it. Jam packed with interesting information, the reader takes away the sights and smells of living in the 16th century. Each chapter is filled with little gems, nuggets to keep the reader interested and compelled to learn more. I came out of this book learning that the Elizabethan age was a turning point, where new discoveries, and knowledge gave the world a nudge to grow into the modern age. Mortimer states "It is often said of Shakespeare that he is "not of an age but for all time"- a line originally penned by Ben Johnston. But Shakespeare is of an age-Elizabethan England. It makes him. It gives him a stage, a language, and an audience. If Shakespeare is "for all time," then so too is Elizabethan England."

Probably one of the best books on history that I have ever read, and I've read plenty. The depth and thoroughness of the information was outstanding. The language wasn't too complicated, and the conversational tone and frame of reference made it easy to absorb the information and put it into context. The flow of information from chapter to chapter was intuitive with very smooth transitions. I

specialize in the 16th century, and I feel as though I learned more in this one book than I have in all the other books I've read on the time period combined.

I read Mortimer's first Time Traveler book and was fascinated. I often wonder what everyday life was like for my ancestors and he was able to answer those questions. Last night I read the first two chapters of this book and it appears he'll be able to shed the same light on this period 200 years later. Looking forward to savoring the rest of the book!

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