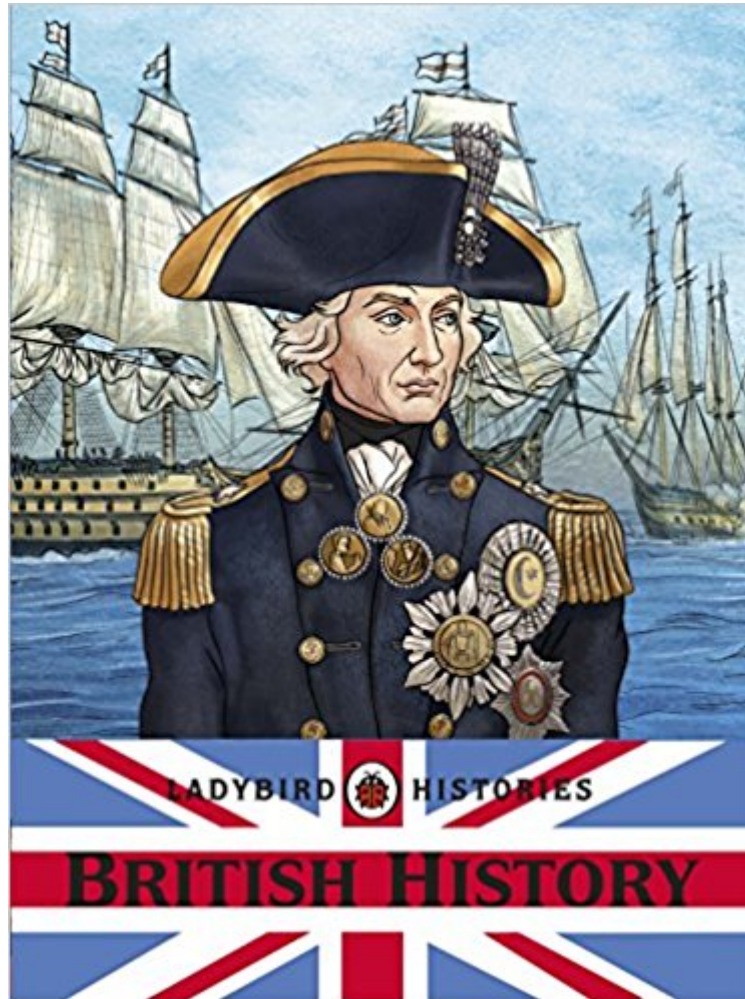




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Ladybird Histories: British History is the ideal first reference book for primary school children. Full of fascinating facts and detailed drawings, this handy book will form an invaluable part of any child's first reference library. It is packed with information about topics children will learn at school, including the Romans, the Tudors, and Victorian Britain. The book also includes a weblink to a downloadable timeline of British history. If your children enjoyed this title why not try British History: Kings and Queens.

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I am really impressed with this book. I bought it to enhance our homeschool curriculum, and this book delivers. I really enjoy how it includes clothing, food, and games of each historical time period.

This is a great book in many ways. The text is rich in higher-level vocabulary without being too overwhelming (or too small) for younger children, say from ages 7 to 12. There is information on major historical people and events as well as on everyday life during various time periods. The illustrations are good, and the layout is inviting. But there are two significant flaws: 1. The book begins with the Roman invasion and barely mentions pre-existing Celtic tribes. There is also no mention of prehistoric British peoples. While I understand why early British history would not be covered as extensively as the more recent period (last two thousand years or so), I still think it deserves at least a mention. This book has literally 4 sentences of the pre-Roman Celtic tribes and then jumps right into the Roman invasion. 2. This book is, in my opinion, too gory and graphic for younger children. Even for an 11- or 12-year-old, it's a bit much. I mean, beyond generally gory

depictions of certain events, there are two entire pages devoted to various methods of torture in the Tudor period. Graphic pictures and all. It's as though they think including all of this will "shock and entertain," but in my opinion, it's inappropriate for children -- not to mention disrespectful of the many people who actually did suffer and die in these terrible ways. Mind you, I am all for truthfulness and letting kids know how it really was -- but you can do so without highlighting the shock value. All things considered, I would recommend this book on the grounds that its merits outweigh the flaws. But it's a book I read aloud with my child, and I definitely have to skip some pages and spontaneously edit some of the text to avoid exposing him gratuitously to the worst of humanity.

This is a great little history.. it misses out a few things here and there, but you get the overall gist! Great for a recap of history class or as an informative guide for the novice to British History. You could probably read it in an hour or less! Mine is priced at 3.99GBP which is very reasonable - not like \$60.00 which is crazy!

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