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While on a visit to London, American genealogist Jefferson Tayte's old friend and colleague dies in his arms. Before long, Tayte and a truth-seeking historian, Professor Jean Summer, find themselves following a corpse-ridden trail that takes them to the Royal Society of London, circa 1708.

What to make of the story of five men of science, colleagues of Isaac Newton and Christopher Wren, who were mysteriously hanged for high treason?

As they edge closer to the truth, Tayte and the professor find that death is once again in season. A new killer, bent on restoring what he sees as the true, royal bloodline, is on the loose...as is a Machiavellian heir-hunter who senses that the latest round of murder, kidnapping, and scandal represents an unmissable business opportunity.

The *Last Queen of England* is a racing thriller with a heart-stopping conclusion. It follows on from *In the Blood* and *To the Grave* but can be enjoyed as a stand-alone novel.

The Last Queen of England Details

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Peter Flom says

In this book in the Tayte series, the protagonist is thrust into an investigation that goes back to Queen Anne but gets violent right now. I found it a bit confusing, but nevertheless a good read. My full review: <http://peterfsblogs.blogspot.com/2018...>

Pat says

This was my first Jefferson Tayte novel. He is the main character in Robinson's historical fiction series. Tayte is 40 year old genealogist who evidently solved old family mysteries. In this case, the question is whether Queen Anne, the last of Stewart line, died without issue. In real history the Hannover succeeded Anne, and that is line still on the British throne today. Spurned on by the death of a close friend, Tayte and his new female companion, Jeanne set out to solve this genealogy mystery. As an aside, the female character in this book has the worst maternal instincts, Cersi Baratheon has more maternal yearnings. Typical gun play and car chases ensue. I wonder if the Harvard History Department offer their grad students offer classes on evasive driving techniques and 101 ways to lose a tail. Destinations include a series of archives, cathedrals and churches, narrowly escaping gun toting bad guys at each turn.

While an easy read, this book falls into all the same historical fiction tropes that Dan Brown set out over a decade ago. Jefferson Tayte is infinitely more likable than Robert Langdon, but is still insufferable at times. He is always the smartest guy in the room and has a single, damaged, female partner he only just met in the first chapter. YAWN. . And like apocalyptic movie directors and other alternate historical fiction writers, Robinson doesn't have the nerve to fully execute his mystery. In fact, the end of this book was particularly anti-climatic.

It's an easy read, but not a particular enjoyable one.

Patricia says

Dan Brown look out! The new kid on the block has arrived!

The Last Queen came across the screen of my Kindle as a suggestion. To my surprise, I took it, bought it, pressed read now, and never stopped until I finished. The ultimate villain...The side kicks....The love interest....and the American favorite, it seems, a British royal angle. The beginning seemed like a standard murder-mystery, quickly evolving into something much more complicated. Add a totally off the wall love affair (or at least, potential burgeoning love affair), a few chases of multiple types around London, and after an apparent ending, a little "oops, I forgot...just this little bit so you can wonder...".

I gave the book 5 stars because I loved it. I read a lot, and often get bored in the course of a book. Just about the time I thought the next bit would get boring, the plot changed. Or I just couldn't see how they would survive the latest set-back, and apparently the adrenaline kicked in. Or a new set of characters entered (forty genealogists!!!), numerous bad guys, characters entering just to be killed....or will that one somehow survive?

Jud says

This is definitely one of the best books I have read all year! I am becoming a huge fan of JT and I am eagerly awaiting his next adventure already!

JT is in London and meeting up with an old friend, who is attempting to set him up with a history expert (Jean). It is after their meeting that things start going terribly wrong, both JT and Jean are in danger and to figure it out who is behind it JT and Jean have to delve into both history and genealogy to get to the root of the scandal and if possible, try to predict the culprits next move. This is more than hidden family secrets, if JT does not get the answers in time, people die.

Robinson keeps the excitement high in this story so you never leave the edge of your seat, I couldn't put it down and read it much quicker than I expected to because it is just THAT good.

If you buy this you won't be disappointed, especially if you have read the previous 2 books in the series.

Frenchie says

The Last Queen of England is one of the books chosen for September, in the Book Club I belong to here on GRs (L & E Bookclub).

What a book! I cannot say I understood it all (how they worked out the "ahnentafel" and the various anagrams so fast) but I have learned a lot of things about British History just by reading it. You can see that the author has made a laborious research to have an accurate story.

Oh my, this is conspiracy theory at its best. I will not go into details with the plot, but lets say that this is one of the best thought conspiracy I have read lately.

I also like the fact that Tayte is not a beefy, 6 packs hero and Jean, the professor, is not described like an Hollywood startlet. I also liked Detective Fable.

This book is so authentic and real. It seems to me that either it finished on a slight cliffhanger, or, the theme will be back with the same people in another stories. There are a few loose end, like devious, slimy Michel Levant. Oh, he is gross (not gross as in disgusting but gross as in unbelievable big headed and self conceited)!

I have just realised that this is book 3 of the series, I will have to read now book 1 In the Blood - By reading the reviews, it will be another brilliant read.

Renee says

JT hurtling all over London to avoid an assassin, on the back of a motorcycle driven his new lady friend, in between bouts of research as he astounds the Royal Archives Society. There's something going on with treason & Jacobites & the assassin, of course. But he has his trusty bag of Hershey's miniatures for when he gets really stressed out. Great narrator. Love this series! **Kindle Unlimited

Steve Robinson says

I'm the author of this book.

B J Burton says

Find an eye-catching historical fact (such as Queen Anne experiencing 18 pregnancies, but having no child live beyond the age of eleven and none survive her); discover that a group of respected intellectuals were executed towards the end of her reign under mysterious circumstances; create a conspiracy theory that proof of the invalidity of the current monarchy, having been passed down the generations, is about to be used by republican sympathisers, and we should have the basis of a very readable novel. So it proves.

I enjoyed this action-packed thriller set against the background of a murderous genealogical mystery that has to be solved within tight deadlines.

After surviving numerous attempts on his life through three novels, Mr Tayte is proving as hard to kill as James Bond. May he last as long.

Cindy says

This is the third Jefferson Tayte genealogy-themed mystery book in the series. This time Tayte doesn't have an American client whose family tree he is researching, but rather is visiting his friend in London, when his friend is killed and he finds himself following the trail of his friend's research.

Like both the other books in the series, the writing is excellent--characters and settings feel real, dialogue sounds genuine, the pace was great. Tayte is a great character, and I can't wait to find out what surprises his own family tree holds!

For my taste, it was a little too much action and not enough genealogy and research, compared to the other two books. I also missed the overlapping points of view of those researching in the present and those living the history in the past. If I hadn't read those two first (and LOVED them so much), I wouldn't be spoiled and would probably give this one five stars. Nevertheless, I was completely engrossed, and couldn't put it down, and would absolutely recommend the whole series!! (In fact, it boggles the mind that these are so low-priced, when there are so many full-priced books out there not nearly as entertaining!)

Gill says

This is the third of Steve Robinson's Jefferson Tayte books... the rather self-effacing American genealogist is again back in the UK. During his visit he loses a close friend as a result of a bullet and is determined to find out what the reason was for his murder. He teams up with a Professor of History, Jean Summer, and finds that the Jacobites have a connection to the death of his friend! The plot is fast-paced with a great many surprises... not least a connection with the Royal family. However, as is usual with Steve Robinson's books

the reader is treated to at least one nugget of genealogical knowledge that is useful to the aspiring genealogist and in this case the ahnentafel is explained and used to great effect. I was hooked from the first page to the last and can recommend this book to anyone who likes a good 'page-turner'.

David Highton says

A genealogical plot about a potential conspiracy in 1700 about the line of succession of the British monarchy - an overly complex plot with multiple players then follows a series of murders, turning into a violent thriller where genealogy seems only a bit part. Not was good as his previous book, in my view.

Sarah says

The Last Queen of England is the 3rd in the Genealogical Crime Mystery series, and I enjoyed every minute I spent reading it. Not only was the historical aspect interesting and enlightening, but Jefferson Tayte's genealogical investigation and his attempts to get away from the criminals were truly breath-taking. I'm glad I discovered this author, and hope he writes many more novels.

Kath Middleton says

American genealogist and man of mystery Jefferson Tayte has a rather different and much more personal assignment in this latest book. Steve Robinson has previously given us a past and a present narrative, woven together with great skill, but this time the action all takes place in present day London. His friend Marcus Brown has been tracing the families of five people hanged in the reign of Queen Anne and JT and a history professor friend of Marcus Brown's become embroiled in the spin-off, potentially fatally. It's wonderful to get closer to the true feelings of our 'loner' hero and to feel his passion for his subject and for his friend Marcus. We also feel him grappling with his own insecurities, his shyness, his social ineptitude, as he warms to a new friend.

Steve Robinson takes a slightly different tack with this new book in that he takes the reader through a historical puzzle which is intriguing and complex. His story telling abilities are as sharp as ever and JT doesn't work this job alone. We are introduced to an intelligent and feisty companion for this story. We are in the realms of major conspiracy theory here – and I do love a conspiracy theory. It's not the sort of puzzle with a pat answer and we have loose threads left at the end which hint of further intrigue to come. I, for one, can't wait!

Neil says

Until this year the writer was previously unknown to me, and now I have just finished this 3rd book in the Jefferson Tayte series in quick succession. This book is slightly different to the previous two, in that it blends past and present into a continuous tale all set in the present day. JT is in London for a genealogy conference, rather than tracing an American client's family history, when his friend and mentor is gunned down in front

of him. This causes JT to pick up the reins of his friend's current investigation, and murder and mayhem seems to abound whichever way he turns. Not only will this book appeal to those who enjoy thrillers and mysteries, but there is a great conspiracy plot running through the whole storyline.

The writing just seems to be getting better with each book, and JT is developing into a really likeable character. There has been plenty of research done in getting things just right, and it all made for a riveting read. I think I finished reading this at 3AM this morning, as I was so reluctant to put it down.

Connie says

The author is getting better. This is the third book in the series. JT Tayte uses his genealogical skills to solve a puzzle amongst murder and mayhem. I hope there is at least one more in the series, as I want to know what is in the safe deposit box that will solve his biggest mystery of all. I bought these books on my Kindle. I needed something that was not too expensive to buy and a fast read. I have read other genealogical mysteries. Again, I enjoyed the journey.
