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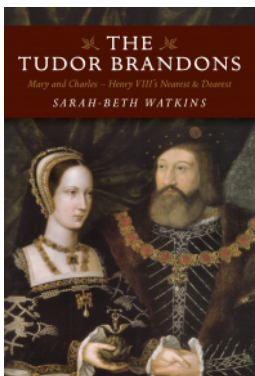
Lady Katherine Knollys: The Unacknowledged Daughter of King Henry VIII

Sarah-Beth Watkins

Katherine Knollys was Mary Boleyn's first child, born in 1524 when Mary was having an affair with King Henry VIII. This fascinating book studies Katherine's life and times, including her intriguing relationship with Elizabeth I.

"The author's research is spot on and her writing style is more populist than academic. Given the task of handling a chunk of England's past within the limitations of a single book, Watkins' effort is a commendable overview of the Tudor family feud. The author keeps the pace brisk, especially in the narrative's second half, without sacrificing the emotional overlay of the story." **Rich Moreland, 3hattergrindhouse**

Chronos Books; 2015-01-30; HISTORY (General)/Great Britain; Ebk-9781782795841, \$7.99/£4.99, Pb-9781782795858, \$16.95/£9.99, 132pp, 8.5x5.5inches / 216x140mm.



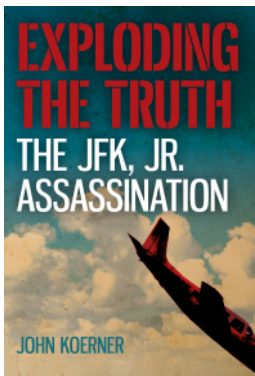
Tudor Brandons, The

Sarah-Beth Watkins

This fascinating book studies the life and times of Mary Tudor and Charles Brandon, Henry VIII's dearest sister and his closest companion. Charles rose from being Henry's childhood friend to becoming the Duke of Suffolk; a consummate courtier and diplomat. Mary was always royalty.

"The author's deep love of history shines bright as she researches the turbulent times but with a deft touch she manages to encourage the reader's imagination to follow her into the colourful and dangerous world of the Tudors. A highly readable history in a storyteller's style." **Suzanne Ruthven, author of the Hugo Braithwaite series of crime novels**

Chronos Books; 2016-06-24; HISTORY (General)/Great Britain/Europe (General); Pb-9781785353321, \$16.95/£9.99, 208pp, 8.5x5.5inches / 216x140mm, Ebk-9781785353338, \$7.99/£4.99.

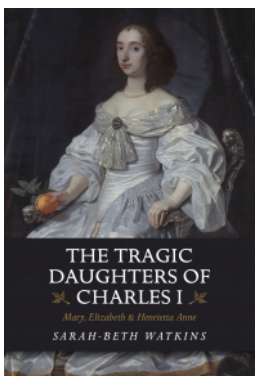


Exploding the Truth: The JFK, Jr. Assassination

John Koerner

The death of JFK, Jr., - accident or assassination? Exploding the Truth: The JFK, Jr. Assassination presents evidence of a conspiracy to assassinate the only surviving son of President John F. Kennedy and considers the motives that many powerful forces had, to make sure he never set foot in the White House.

Chronos Books; 2018-10-26; 20th Century/Hoaxes & Deceptions/Espionage; Pb-9781785358845, \$16.95/£10.99, 152pp, 8.5x5.5inches / 216x140mm, Ebk-9781785358852, \$12.99/£8.99.



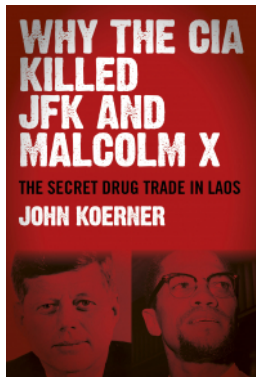
Tragic Daughters of Charles I, The

Sarah-Beth Watkins

Mary, Elizabeth and Henrietta Anne, the daughters of King Charles I and his queen, Henrietta Maria, would be brought up against the background of the English Civil War. Mary would marry William, Prince of Orange, and be sent to live in the Netherlands. Elizabeth would remain in England under Parliamentary control. Henrietta Anne would escape to France and be the darling of the French Court. Yet none of the Stuart princesses would live to reach thirty.

"Sarah-Beth Watkins gives the reader an in depth understanding of the period with brilliant research, bringing to life the three heroines and the part they played in history." **Jackie Maude**

Chronos Books; 2019-04-26; Royalty/17th Century/Great Britain; Pb-9781789041132, \$19.95/£12.99, 177pp, 8.5x5.5inches / 216x140mm, Ebk-9781789041149, \$15.99/£9.99.



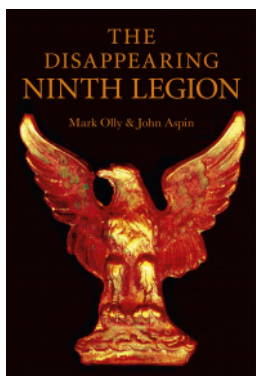
Why The CIA Killed JFK and Malcolm X

John Koerner

This book breaks new ground in two important areas that have yet to be linked and explored by any JFK-assassination historian.

John Koerner argues that the CIA's secret drug trade in Laos, and the president's effort to end it, provided the primary motive that the CIA needed to assassinate the president. A lot of effort has been made to examine the president's Vietnam policy, but precious little attention has been paid to the opium trade in Laos that was making the CIA wealthy and powerful beyond its wildest dreams. This book chronicles the president's secret war with the CIA over Laos, a high-stakes game that cost him his life.

Chronos Books; 2014-11-28; Espionage/20th Century; Ebk-9781782797005, \$7.99/£4.99, Pb-9781782797012, \$14.95/£9.99, 124pp, 8.5x5.5inches / 216x140mm.



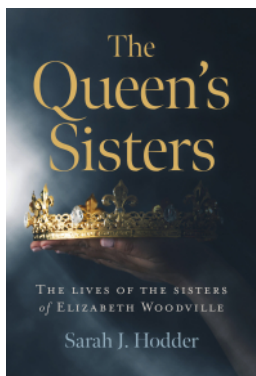
The Disappearing Ninth Legion, The

Mark Olly & John Aspin

The Disappearing Ninth Legion puts this mysterious Roman legion firmly back on the historic map.

Was the legion simply broken up and re-assigned or do they still march the moorlands and streets of Eastern Britain, a lost ghostly army cursed and vanquished by the Druids and Celts? It's all here written and presented in an easy and non-technical way by one of Britain's best up-and-coming story tellers and presenters.

Chronos Books; 2011-06-24; Unexplained Phenomena/Rome; Pb-9781846945595, \$14.95/£9.99, 123pp, 5.5x8.5inches / 216x140mm, Ebk-9781846949319, \$7.99/£4.99.



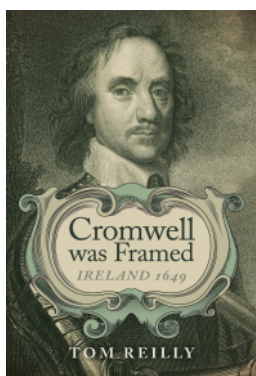
The Queen's Sisters, The

Sarah J. Hodder

Vilified both by their contemporaries and by many historians since, the Woodville family were centre stage during the reigns of Edward IV and Richard III. Elizabeth Woodville became the ancestress of future Kings and Queens. This book takes a fresh look at the lives of Elizabeth's sisters.

"A thoroughly engaging read. Hodder places the Woodville sisters in the context of their times, giving us a deeper look into the lives of the women at the heart of the conflict known as the Wars of the Roses." **Adrienne Dillard, author of Catherine Carey in a Nutshell**

Chronos Books; 2020-03-27; Great Britain/Women/Royalty; Pb-9781789043631, \$14.95/£9.99, 113pp, 8.5x5.5inches / 216x140mm, Ebk-9781789043648, \$11.99/£7.99.



Cromwell was Framed

Tom Reilly

This book contains original and radical insights. Breaking the mould of the genre, for the first time ever, Reilly publishes the contemporary documents (usually the preserve of historians) so that the authentic primary source documents can be interpreted by the general reader, without prejudice. Among the author's fresh discoveries is the revelation of the identity of two unscrupulous individuals who created the myth that Cromwell deliberately killed unarmed men, women and children at both Drogheda and Wexford, and that a 1649 London newspaper reported that Cromwell's penis had been shot off at Drogheda.

Chronos Books; 2014-08-29; Great Britain/Social History/Ireland; Ebk-9781782795155, \$10.99/£6.99, Pb-9781782795162, \$24.95/£14.99, 276pp, 8.5x5.5inches / 216x140mm.



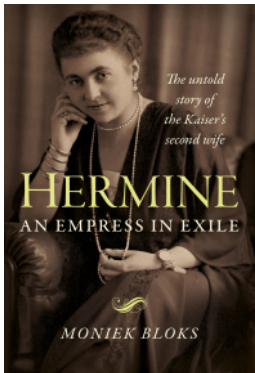
Margaret Tudor, Queen of Scots

Sarah-Beth Watkins

Margaret Tudor was Henry VIII's older sister and became the Queen of Scotland after her marriage to James IV in 1503. Her life was troubled and fraught with tension, and she was continually caught between her country of birth and the country she ruled.

"Combining careful research with an engaging narrative style, Sarah-Beth Watkins takes the reader on a journey through the hardships and triumphs of this elusive Tudor woman." **Adrienne Dillard, author of Cor Rotto: A novel of Catherine Carey and The Raven's Widow: A novel of Jane Boleyn**

Chronos Books; 2017-12-08; Great Britain/Women/16th Century; Pb-9781785356766, \$14.95/£9.99, 168pp, 8.5x5.5inches / 216x140mm, Ebk-9781785356773, \$11.99/£7.99.



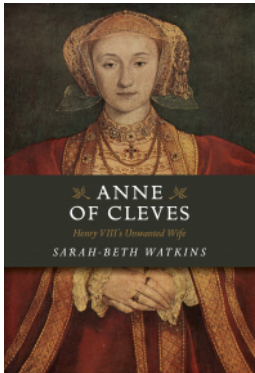
Hermine: an Empress in Exile

Moniek Bloks

Hermine Reuss of Greiz is perhaps better known as the second wife of the Kaiser (Emperor Wilhelm II of Germany) whom she married shortly after the death of his first wife Auguste Viktoria and while he was in exile in the Netherlands. She was by then a widow herself with young children, and known to be ambitious about a return to power, her husband insisted on her being called 'Empress'.

To achieve her goal, she turned to the most powerful man in Germany at the time, Adolf Hitler. Unfortunately, her dream was not realised as Hitler refused to restore the monarchy and with the death of Wilhelm in 1941, Hermine was forced to return to her first husband's lands.

Chronos Books; 2020-12-11; Royalty/Germany/Women; Pb-9781789044782, \$19.95/£12.99, 176pp, 8.5x5.5inches / 216x140mm, Ebk-9781789044799, \$15.99/£10.99.



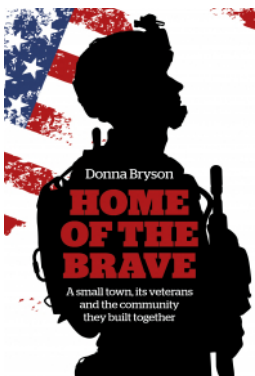
Anne of Cleves

Sarah-Beth Watkins

Anne's marriage to Henry VIII, and her life after their annulment; how Anne of Cleves, out of all the king's wives, survived him.

"Anne of Cleves is often glossed over by historians eager to reach the more 'juicy' story of Katherine Howard. Sarah-Beth Watkins' book restores Anne to her rightful place as one of Henry VIII's most fascinating and charming queens." Dr Josephine Wilkinson, author of Mary Boleyn, Katherine Howard and The Early Loves of Anne Boleyn

Chronos Books; 2018-10-26; 16th Century/Women/Great Britain; Pb-9781785359040, \$16.95/£10.99, 176pp, 8.5x5.5inches / 216x140mm, Ebk-9781785359057, \$11.99/£6.99.



Home of the Brave

Donna Bryson

A small town struggling, like many communities, with the question of how to remain vital and vibrant in the 21st century, took on another problem altogether: that of the difficult homecoming of Iraq, Afghanistan and other war veterans. Kline founded the Welcome Home Montrose project to offer mental health support, job and housing advice and other aid for returning warriors. What she did not count on was how much the men and women who had served their country still had to give.

Home of the Brave is about community and military service, and the possibilities born of creativity and commitment.

Chronos Books; 2018-01-26; Cultural & Social/Military Families/Military; Pb-9781785356360, \$22.95/£14.99, 272pp, 8.5x5.5inches / 216x140mm, Ebk-9781785356377, \$17.99/£11.99.



Catherine of Braganza

Sarah-Beth Watkins

Catherine of Braganza, a Portuguese princess, married Charles II in 1662 and became the merry monarch's Restoration queen.

Yet life for her was not so merry - she put up with the king's many mistresses and continuous plots to remove her from the throne. She lived through times of war, plague and fire. Catherine's marriage saw many trials and tribulations including her inability to produce an heir. Yet Charles supported his queen throughout the Restoration, remaining devoted to her no matter what.

Chronos Books; 2017-04-28; Spain & Portugal/Great Britain/17th Century; Pb-9781785355691, \$14.95/£9.99, 168pp, 8.5x5.5inches / 216x140mm, Ebk-9781785355707, \$9.99/£6.99.



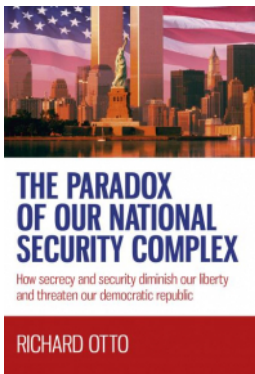
Being British

Chris Parish

Being British: Our Once & Future Selves is a journey into British culture and identity today, outlining a welcome new story for ourselves in these times of lack of belonging. It's a book for the liberally minded, and those who feel themselves to be post-traditional, not defined by nationality. It celebrates being British as elective and not based on race, and demonstrates how to have pride in our nationality in a post-traditional way.

"Enjoyed its breadth and ambition—and optimism." **David Goodhart, founder of Prospect magazine, former Director of Demos think tank, author of The British Dream**

Chronos Books; 2016-06-24; Great Britain/Popular Culture/Regional Studies; Pb-9781785353284, \$29.95/£16.99, 352pp, 8.5x5.5inches / 216x140mm, Ebk-9781785353291, \$9.99/£6.99.



Paradox of our National Security Complex, The

Richard Alexander Otto

Here, in a single volume, Richard Otto presents a series of compelling essays on Vietnam, Watergate and the assassinations of the 1960s. The Paradox of our National Security Complex examines the consequences of our militaristic and corporatist policies since World War II on our liberty, our security, and our democracy.

"This is a chilling and well-informed book. I regard it as a moral imperative to articulate such thoughts." **David Lorimer, Paradigm Explorer**

Chronos Books; 2017-05-26; American Government (General)/20th Century/Security (National & International); Pb-9781782794448, \$26.95/£19.99, 376pp, 8.5x5.5inches / 216x140mm, Ebk-9781782794462, \$9.99/£6.99.



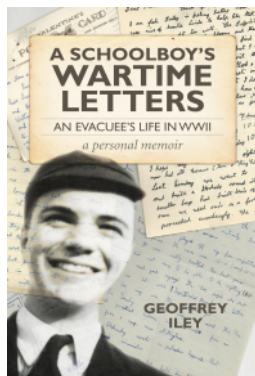
High Heels & Beetle Crushers

Jackie Skingley

A compelling memoir of post-war Britain. Jackie Skingley grew up with limited career choices but joining the Women's Royal Army Corps offered her a different life, living and working in a military world, against the backdrop of the Cold War. Packed full of stories reflecting the changing sexual attitudes prior to the arrival of the pill and the sexual revolution of the mid 60s, Skingley's memoir denotes a shift in the political and social fabric of the era.

"I found it an engrossing read and valuable social history record that took me back on a wave of nostalgia to a bygone era." Susie Kelly, author of I Wish I Could Say I Was Sorry

Chronos Books; 2019-12-14; Veterans/Social History/Historical; Pb-9781789042900, \$23.95/£14.99, 328pp, 8.5x5.5inches / 216x140mm, Ebk-9781789042917, \$12.99/£7.99.

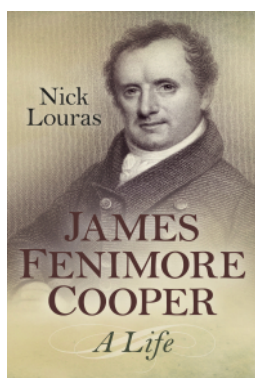


Schoolboy's Wartime Letters, A Geoffrey Iley

This funny, fascinating journal follows the development of a boy and his changing attitudes during WW II from its outbreak in September 1939 to victory in the summer of 1945. It is a memoir based on the original letters, around a hundred and ninety in total, written by the author to his parents and carefully preserved over the years. There are also several contemporary photographs.

"I found it truly extraordinary to be allowed this insight into how it was to be a boy then and live through those years..... I found your letters hugely enlightening. Thank you." **Michael Morpurgo, author of War Horse**

Chronos Books; 2014-09-26; Historical/World War II/Personal Memoirs; Ebk-9781782795032, \$8.99/£5.99, Pb-9781782795049, \$19.95/£11.99, 203pp, 8.5x5.5inches / 216x140mm.

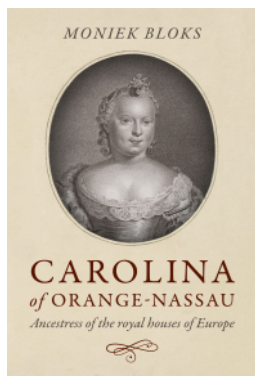


James Fenimore Cooper: A Life Nick Louras

James Fenimore Cooper (1789-1851) was America's first novelist, celebrated for his masterpiece The Last of the Mohicans. Over a prolific career he created a national mythology that endures to this day. According to Daniel Webster, "We may read the nation's history in his life."

In the first popular biography of Cooper in a generation, historian Nick Louras brings the man and his age vividly to life.

Chronos Books; 2016-05-27; United States (General)/19th Century/Literary; Pb-9781785352935, \$29.95/£17.99, 376pp, 8.5x5.5inches / 216x140mm, Ebk-9781785352942, \$9.99/£6.99.

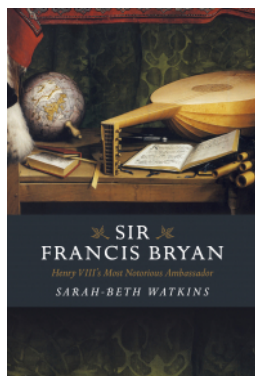


Carolina of Orange-Nassau Moniek Bloks

Carolina, the daughter of William IV and Anne, granddaughter of King George II, married Charles Christian of Nassau-Weilburg. Due to her brother's ill health, she acted as his regent even while heavily pregnant, losing half her children.

"I've read a lot of history books, and this one is definitely a fast, light, short, interesting read, that will be easily accessible to those who aren't used to reading history books, while remaining interesting for history lovers. I think it would make a perfect introduction to Carolina of Orange-Nassau." **Camille Brown, Camille's Book Adventures**

Chronos Books; 2019-01-25; Women/18th Century/Royalty; Pb-9781785359149, \$11.95/£7.99, 96pp, 8.5x5.5inches / 216x140mm, Ebk-9781785359156, \$9.99/£5.99.



Sir Francis Bryan Sarah-Beth Watkins

Sir Francis Bryan was Henry VIII's most notorious ambassador and one of his closest companions. Bryan was a man of many talents; jousting, poet, rake and hell-raiser, gambler, soldier, sailor, diplomat. He served his king all of his life and unlike many of the other men who served Henry VIII, he kept his head and outlived his sovereign.

Chronos Books; 2020-01-31; Great Britain/16th Century/Royalty; Pb-9781789043419, \$19.95/£12.99, 176pp, 8.5x5.5inches / 216x140mm, Ebk-9781789043426, \$15.99/£10.99.

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