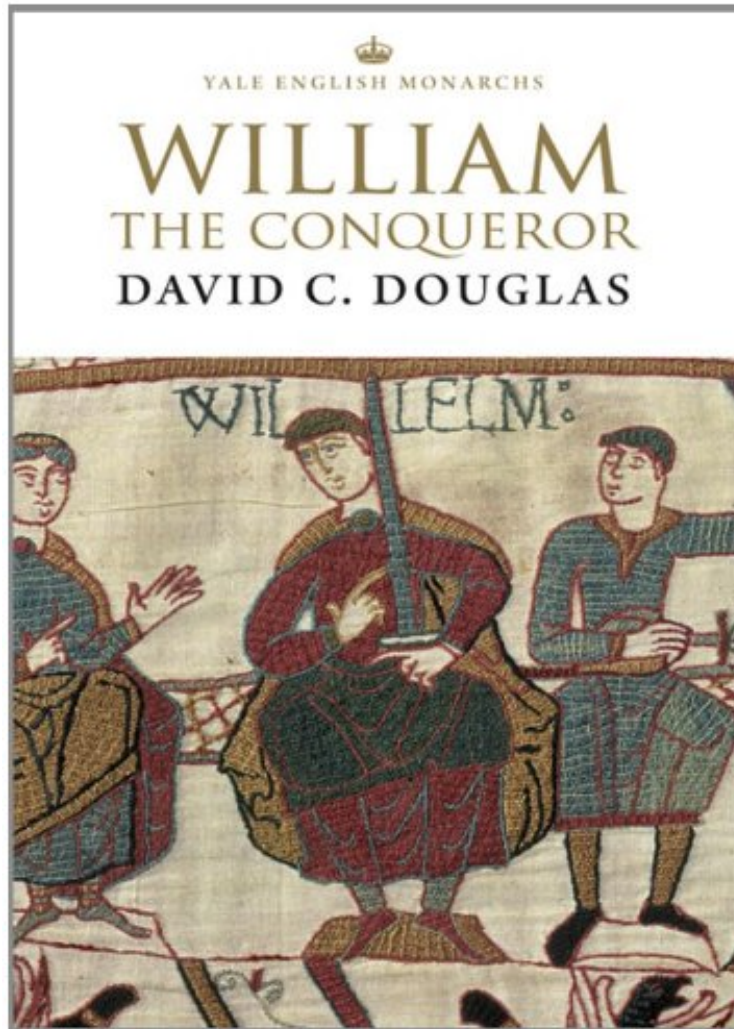


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen3 von 3 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. VERY INTERESTING AND WELL-ORGANIZEDVon STEPHEN MATTOXThis book is organized into 4 sections: The Young Duke, The Duke in his Duchy, The Establishment of the Anglo-Norman Kingdom, and The King in his Kingdom. This framework is perfectly logical and helps bring understanding to the life of William the Conqueror, one of the pivotal figures of the past 1000 years. Going into this book I knew about the Battle of Hastings and the Domesday Book; I also knew a little about the struggles between Anglo-Saxons and Normans after the conquest. But I

knew nothing about the subject matter of the book's first two sections. Douglas does a terrific job of providing historical context to William's career. He explains the Viking origins of Normandy, and its relations with the Viking kingdoms, England, France, and the Vatican. These all prove to be vital relations throughout William's life. What surprised me is how much turmoil William endured within Normandy itself, not only during his rise to power, but even after the conquest and until his death. These turmoils include his illegitimate birth, constantly shifting alliances, and the rebellion of his son. I knew of his military prowess, but his political abilities sustained him as much as anything, and Douglas does a good job of illuminating these abilities, particularly during that critical period immediately following the conquest, when Norman institutions were put into effect in England. The book explains not just the Norman influence on England, but the sort of reciprocal relationship that came to exist between kingdom and duchy. The sections of the book concerning battles are very well done, and provide good details on the tactics, strategies, and terrains. The book has the usual appendices of family trees (which help immensely when trying to understand some of the political landscape). It also has a couple of interesting essays in the appendices, my favorite of which is intriguingly titled, "On poisoning as a method of political action in eleventh-century Normandy." In the end, I came away highly impressed with both the accomplishments of William the Conqueror, and the manner in which David Douglas conveyed them.

1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Douglas the Best Von Daniel Lengyel If you are interested in the Norman history or in the Norman impact upon England or just simply in a very exciting ruler of the eleventh century, this is a must read. The book depicts the complex and vivid life of the eleventh century through the life of one of the greatest monarchs of the eleventh century. I was especially interested in the first two sections of the book: The Young Duke and The Duke in his Duchy. In this chapters you can feel the pulse of the life of this era. It is a very well researched book. Whenever you feel that there is a gap in the story it is instantly filled by the excellent footnotes or by the appendixes. Every question of mine, which were raised out of my mind reading the book, were answered within few pages. The excellent description of the battles is another advantage of the book. Anyway you can say thousands of words boasting this book but you had better read it. It is a real MASTERPIECE with real capital letters.

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