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## The children of Henry VIII, John Guy

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## ABSTRACT

Many books are reviewed, including: 1. *The Children of Henry VIII*, by John Guy. 2. *Hammarskjöld: A Life*, by Roger Lipsey. 3. *The Borgias: The Hidden History*, by G.J. Meyer.

## FULL TEXT

### Social Sciences

#### Biography

Review by Kathleen McCallister

Tudor historian Guy (fellow, Clare Coll., Univ. of Cambridge; *My Heart Is My Own: The Life of Mary Queen of Scots*) turns his attention to the heirs of Henry VIII in this succinct examination of their lives. Rather than attempt the massive undertaking of covering in depth the histories of Edward, Mary, and Elizabeth, Guy has chosen to give the most salient details regarding the monarchs, thus allowing himself to present an overall picture of their lives and upbringings under Henry's rule and during their later reigns. His particular focus is on how their relationships with each other--and the long shadow of their father--affected them. Of note is the author's inclusion of the brief life of Henry VIII's best-known illegitimate child, Henry Fitzroy, a potential heir to the throne before his untimely death at age 17. **VERDICT** Guy's research is sound and his facts are presented in a clear and entertaining style, which makes this a good volume for students and general readers new to Tudor history. However, its brevity and lack of fresh information and analysis mean that those already familiar with the essentials of the Tudor dynasty will likely find little to hold their interest.--**Kathleen McCallister, Univ. of South Carolina**

Guy, John. *The Children of Henry VIII*. Oxford Univ. Jul. 2013. 272p. illus. notes. index. ISBN 9780192840905. \$27.95; ebk. ISBN 9780191655944. BIOG

Review by Zachary Irwin

Dag Hammarskjöld was UN secretary-general from 1953 until his death in 1961, a crucial period in the development of the organization and the post-World War II international system. Lipsey's (*The Spiritual in Twentieth-Century Art*) skill in tracing spiritual consciousness is well applied to Hammarskjöld, whose posthumously published book of reflections, *Markings*, is a frequent source here. Hammarskjöld's moving sense of moral calling forms a fine counterpoint to his UN work. Lipsey describes the innovative UN Emergency Force (UNEF), created after the Suez crisis of 1956, and the secretary-general's tireless efforts for peace in postcolonial Belgian Congo. The results here balance material on the violent politics of the Middle East and African decolonization with material on the devotion of a statesman who never seems to have parted from his worn copy of Thomas à Kempis's *The Imitation of Christ*. Ultimately Hammarskjöld's UN efforts would lead to his death in what is now considered a probable assassination. **VERDICT** Hammarskjöld's reserved personality prevents Lipsey

notes. ISBN 9781455501953. \$25; ebk. ISBN 9781455545629. TRAVEL

Review by Linda M. Kaufmann

After quitting his job as a doctor, novelist Story's (*God's Country Club*) husband made plans to hike the Pacific Crest Trail, 2,663 miles from Mexico to Canada. Reluctant to be apart from him during the six-month journey and looking for answers to unresolved issues of her own, Storey joined her husband on a physically and emotionally challenging journey. Moving back and forth in time, she weaves stories of her childhood, her distant relationship with her mother, and her 17-year marriage through the humorous, warm, and sometimes harrowing narrative of her adventures on the trail as she faces down a mountain lion, makes new friends in the trail community, and tests the strength of her confidence in her marriage. **VERDICT** Storey, who was featured on the cover of *Library Journal* in 1992 after the publication of her first novel, *The Lord's Motel*, has written an enjoyable and frank memoir that will appeal to those who have taken or want to take similar journeys, whether hiking or of the heart.—**Linda M. Kaufmann, Massachusetts Coll. of Liberal Arts Lib., North Adams**

Storey, Gail D. *I Promise Not To Suffer: A Fool for Love Hikes the Pacific Crest Trail*. Mountaineers Bks. Apr. 2013. 224p. ISBN 9781594857454. pap. \$16.95. TRAVEL

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