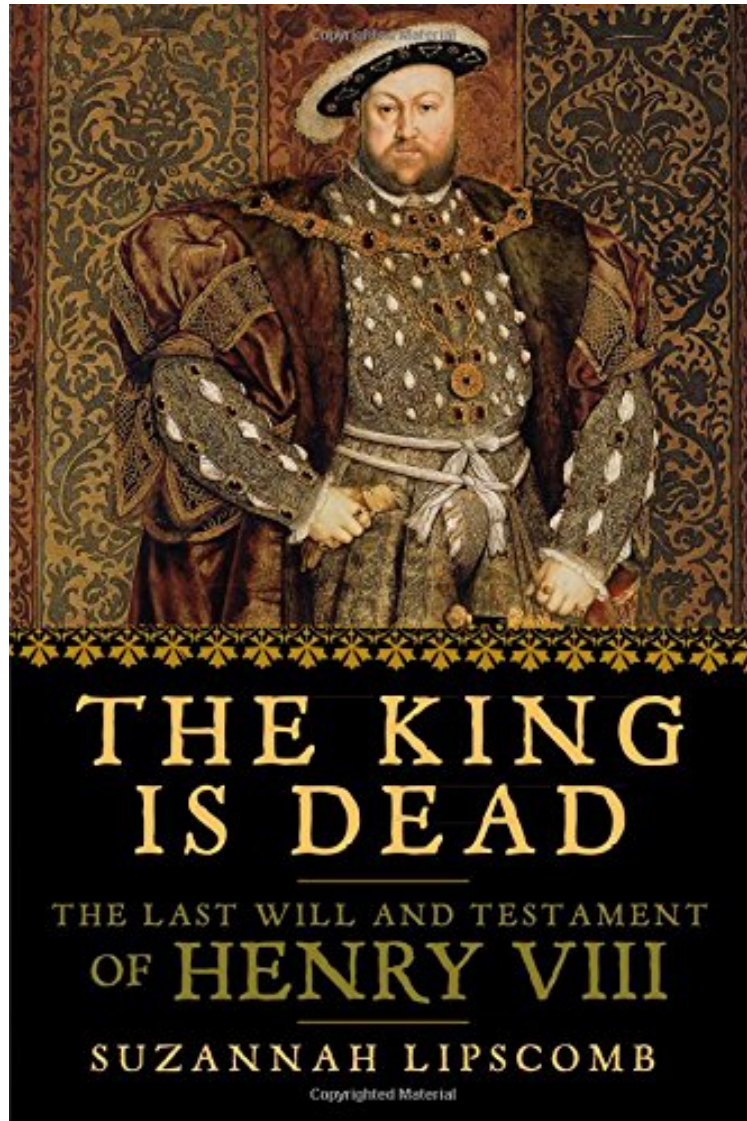


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LipscombBy Jamie JenkinsTo be fair, I've just come off a run of reading historical fiction, so this was a jarring switch back to academia. I really, really enjoy Dr. Lipscomb's presentations on Tudor history (speeches, BBC programs, etc), but I did not find her engaging personality find its way into this book. It's a good look at Henry's will, and a good dive into what is probably written at face value vs what may have had deeper implication/meaning, but overall I was left a little bored. There was a large cast of characters involved in Henry's last days (regency counsel, advisors, privy counsel, on and on....) so it gets a bit overwhelming to digest who did what and who was serving whom and why and when. If you like puzzles and sorting details out, this book might really be up your alley.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five StarsBy Susan F. Who would have thought a list of possessions would be so fascinating.

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