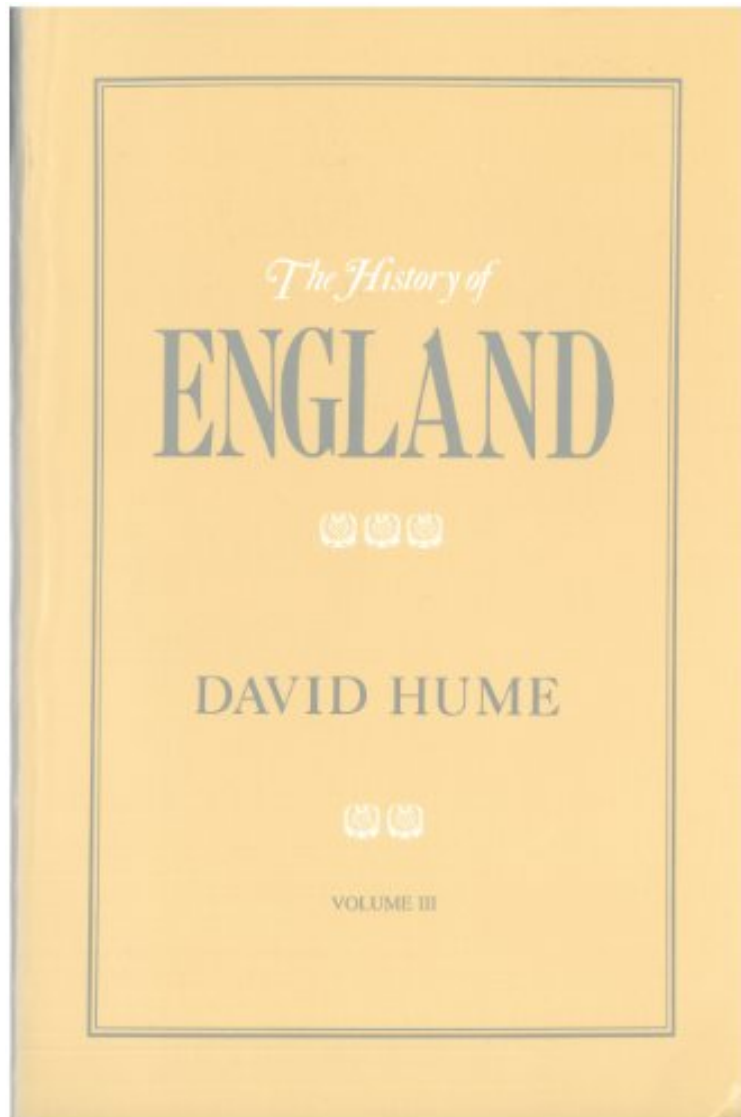


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Covers the period 1485 - 1558 ADVon Michael GreenHume describes, as usual, in pithy and concise English, the events from Bosworth Field, in 1485, which led directly to the coronation of Henry VII, to the coronation of Henry VIII, who is the

central figure in this volume, which might arguably serve as Henry's biography. In this period, we learn how Henry VII formed close alliances with Ferdinand of Aragon, the wealthy prince of Spain, whose daughter, the Infanta Catherine, at 18 years of age, was first betrothed to the future king's elder brother Arthur (16 years old); but when Arthur dies, Henry, not wishing to return the dowry of 200,000 ducats, dumps Catherine onto his younger son, the future Henry VIII (who is 12 at this time). This fact alone might have caused much of the resentment toward the queen, whom Henry later divorced. These incidents, the "divorce" of the monarch, the break with Rome, the tightrope walked by Henry between catholicism and the Lutheran principles, the growing power and wealth of Spain, the rivalries and jealousies between that nation and England and France; the growth and spread of protestant reform; Henry's absolute control over the government, his arbitrary and ruthless rule over the people, who esteemed him highly; his death, and the accession of Edward VI, and later, Mary, who reversed the policies of her father, and married Philip II of Spain, a catholic monarch; and Mary's death, and the succession of Elizabeth, close the volume. As this volume becomes more particular than its predecessors, and covers a period of little more than 70 years, its detail somewhat hampers the flow of events, whereas the first two volumes were more general. Still, an excellent work of history, and a very good read.

Kurzbeschreibung Volume III examines the early Tudor period, from Henry VII through Edward VI, Lady Jane Grey, and Mary I, with an appendix discussing toleration.