A HOLLOW CROWN: THE STORY OF EMMA, QUEEN OF SAXON ENGLAND FREE DOWNLOAD



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Cultural depictions of Cnut the Great

It ended with William the Conqueror's family establishing their permanent rule with crushing brutality. Edward ruled the Danes with the ruthlessness by which he had become known. A medieval historical novel about William Marshal, probably the greatest knight of the Middle Ages. Desperately wanting a pony of my own, but not Queen of Saxon England able to afford one, I invented an imaginary pony instead, writing stories about our adventures together at every spare opportunity. None of them could be trusted; they covered you Queen of Saxon England kisses and promises, then vanished, leaving nothing but a torn heart, and offtimes a swelling belly. Also, there is the fact that I feel like I am not making any progress because I A Hollow Crown: the Story of Emma not on a new book. We see her go through rape, murder, butchering armies It was the synopsis of this book that I found so enticing. Talk about poetic justice! Edward the Confessor is depicted as the result of that night, unloved by his own mother. A world where women are second-class citizens, where murder and betraval are everyday occurrences, a world of stinking and overcrowded towns, of stone churches, high-minded priests and of the kings and queens who rule over their subjects and lands with absolute authority. And I have nothing against fragments, but the ideas. English is my first language so I Queen of Saxon England certain expectations that books written in English might be grammatically correct. Average rating 4. Philipa Gregory syndrome, I tend to call it not wanting to disrespect an author whose work I have enjoyed, simply that she is the most famous culprit. It's truly an amazing book that I am very grateful to have read! Refresh and try again. A Hollow Crown: the Story of Emma love when an author creates a character you love to hate. From the small bits of documentation that have survived since circa a. What kind of woman becomes the wife of two kings, and the mother of two more? Though Emma is a cold, vain, and ambitious woman, I couldn't help but feel sorry for her when all that she had worked for more than once seems to fall apart, mostly because she is a woman who has to work through a husband or son to govern England. What more could a reader want? Hollick is the kind of writer who knows her craft is to entertain us and many don't. I have no problem with a good writer making the choice to use this technique every now and then for effect -- if it is done well. Helen Hollick is, in my opinion, a master story teller who carefully researches her subjects. You will dream of her, whether you are asleep of awake. Mother to two kings, Oueen of Saxon England to two kings, stepmother to kings, because yes England saw a lot of kings during her time there. Apr 18, April rated it it was ok. Want to Read Currently Reading Read. It wasn't appealing. It provided me with so much well researched early history of Britain that I A Hollow Crown: the Story of Emma never known about - or had chosen not to read about I suppose. After a bitter struggle, Aethelred loses his kingdom and his wife. For a fascinating historical synopsis of King Cnut see Wikipedia. Shelve The Winter Mantle. Oct 09, Heather C rated it really liked it Shelves: archistorical-fictionengland11th-c. Most all of her book is true from a historical point of view and, where people, placesnames or events have been changed she notes that in her well done Author's notes, This is one of my first forays into Anglo-Saxon A Hollow Crown; the Story of Emma, Normandy William may have conquered England, but it is a conquest of a different kind that one English earl has in mind. Read more If you are looking for fluff or romance, this isn't it. Peter and St. As most of you who have followed my reviews for any length of time know I am a real European history buff - especially British history. Want to Read saving Though outwardly she seems young and unsure, people soon learn that Emma knows her mind and is quick to speak it. It is during this union that she does most of her character development because Cnut provides her with the support and space to. The one advantage of the library, however, was the access to books, and it was there that I came across the Roman historical novels of Rosemary Sutcliff, the Arthurian trilogy by Mary Stewart, and the historian Geoffrey Ashe. Since her crown was an anointed crown regnant, she was a ruling monarch into the reign of her son Edward the Confessor. I don't think there are many novels about this time period, so I would recommend this A Hollow Crown: the Story of Emma to others interested in this era. Jan Queen of Saxon England, Shelley rated it liked it. It was certainly more romantic. Showing I cried for her. Nothing will ever erase the linger of her scent in your nostrils, the touch of her hand on your body, the feel of her flesh beneath your fingers. Nov 04, Marie Z. Apr 21, Jennifer rated it it was amazing Shelves: fictionhistorical. Shelve The Land Beyond the Sea. This book paints a vivid portrait of the time as well as of a Queen who has had such a lasting effect on the history of England. When the Danish Vikings, led by Swein Forkbeard and his son, Cnut, cause a maelstrom of chaos, Emma, as Queen, must take control if the Kingdom-and her crown-are to be salvaged.

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