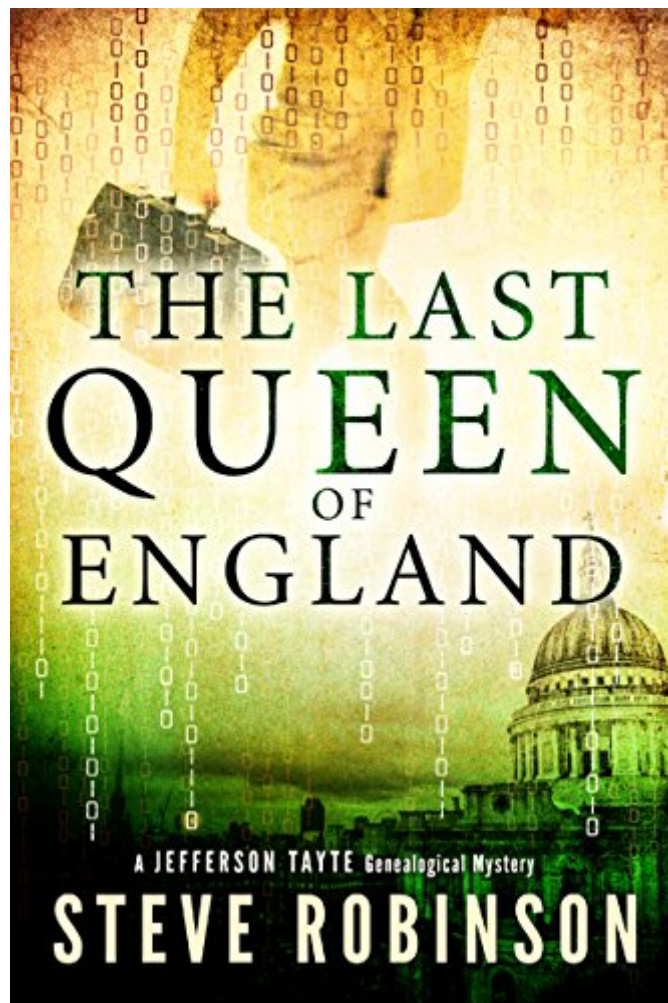




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Synopsis

While on a visit to London, American genealogist Jefferson Tayte's old friend and colleague dies in his arms. Before long, Tayte and a truth-seeking historian, Professor Jean Summer, find themselves following a corpse-ridden trail that takes them to the Royal Society of London, circa 1708. What to make of the story of five men of science, colleagues of Isaac Newton and Christopher Wren, who were mysteriously hanged for high treason? As they edge closer to the truth, Tayte and the professor find that death is once again in season. A new killer, bent on restoring what he sees as the true, royal bloodline, is on the loose...as is a Machiavellian heir-hunter who senses that the latest round of murder, kidnapping, and scandal represents an unmissable business opportunity. The Last Queen of England is a racing thriller with a heart-stopping conclusion. It is the third book in the Jefferson Tayte Genealogical Mystery series but can be enjoyed as a stand-alone story.

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Customer Reviews

This is the third Jefferson Tayte genealogy-themed mystery book in the series. This time Tayte

doesn't have an American client whose family tree he is researching, but rather is visiting his friend in London, when his friend is killed and he finds himself following the trail of his friend's research. Like both the other books in the series, the writing is excellent--characters and settings feel real, dialogue sounds genuine, the pace was great. Tayte is a great character, and I can't wait to find out what surprises his own family tree holds! For my tastes, it was a little too much action and not enough genealogy and research, compared to the other two books. I also missed the overlapping points of view of those researching in the present and those living the history in the past. If I hadn't read those two first (and LOVED them so much), I wouldn't be spoiled and would probably give this one five stars. Nevertheless, I was completely engrossed, and couldn't put it down, and would absolutely recommend the whole series!! (In fact, it boggles the mind that these are so low-priced, when there are so many full-priced books out there not nearly as entertaining!)

This is the third Tate mystery I have read. The first two were faster paced and more immersive. I had trouble staying with this story. I felt it was slow and difficult to follow in places and kept losing interest. It was also totally unbelievable as to the violence visited upon two civilians, in and around London, and they were allowed to continue their hunt unabated by law enforcement. Now THATS fantasy...not mystery! Having said all that, this character is engaging and the underlying concept of the series is good. I will read the next and hope for a better experience.

This third book takes a bit of a different form than the previous two. JT is in England with his friend Marcus for a conference. Marcus has set him up on a blind date, but the night goes horribly wrong when Marcus is murdered in front of JT and his date Jean with the dying words of treason. There is no client just a need to find out what killed his friend. Jean, a historian, and JT work with the police and the government to figure out what family tree Marcus was working on and why it got him killed. This involves researching Queen Anne and a centuries old group of Jacobite conspirators. The ending is rather loose with several unresolved plot points - not from neglect but on purpose.

I have read the previous two books in the Jefferson Tayte series and thoroughly enjoyed both. But I was a little disappointed in this one. The characters, as usual in a story by Robinson, are well developed and interesting. However, the storyline is thin and much of the action revolves around chase scenes and not plot development. I fully intend to read Robinson's next book in the Tayte series, but hope that more effort is put into creative plot twists than in cookie-cutter action.

Chasing clues thru London to find the long lost heir to Queen Anne and the Stuart lineage this novel is an average read and rather disappointing. I get the feeling that the author is capable of writing a decent novel but he decided the monetary rewards are in scripts for made-for-TV movies. I may read one more novel to see if Mr. Robinson fulfills his potential but I doubt he wants to make the effort.

I read the first book and loved it. Somehow I missed the second in the series, but found and bought it after I started this one. This, the third novel, is a winner! Steve Robinson does a great job of making genealogy come alive without going into great depth or explanations. The Last Queen of England caught my attention as I too am a family historian, although on a private, not-for-profit level far beneath that of Jefferson Tayte. But Steve Robinson, in the persona of Jefferson Tayte, has the ability to make history come alive and exciting for us, his readers. He has a great talent and is able to grab our attention from the first page to the last. Although the books are a series, each one is a stand-alone novel so you don't have to feel as though you'll be missing out if you don't read them in order. But do read them! This one ended with a cliff hanger and I can't wait for the next one to come out now. Hope you're typing madly on whatever word processing equipment you use, Steve, because I don't want to have to wait too long!

Not you "run-of-the-mill" who-done-it. I think Steve Robinson did a great job of creating a great little mystery while dealing with a quasi-historical notion about a very complicated conspiracy. I loved the characters at the same time as getting a little "history fix" (more than just a family history or genealogical story). The descriptions of places and surroundings brought to me a very vivid picture of the family history locales where things were happening. I could visualize a lot of the action. Was a little surprised that not ALL the primary characters made it through the adventure alive. Hope that isn't too much of a spoiler!

Another mystery involving lost family members. This one involves the family of Queen Anne who was the last queen of England because during her reign England became Great Britain. Even though she left no heirs, there is evidence of someone who could overthrow the current ruler. Interesting concept.

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