

READING LIST

General Background: Read or sample as many of these as you have time for.

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Pearson, Lu Emily: **Elizabethans at home.** Stanford, Stanford Univ. Press, 1957.

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Tillyard, E.M.W.: **The Elizabethan world picture.** New York, Vintage, n.d. [Dry, but important.]

Crosby, Arthur: **The Measure of Reality: Quantification in Western Europe, 1250-1600.** Cambridge Univ. Press, 1997. [Fascinating glimpse inside the Renaissance mind.]

Girouard, Mark: **Life in the English country house.** Harmondsworth, Penguin, 1980. [First two chapters.]

Hartley, Dorothy: **Lost country life.** New York, Pantheon, 1979. [Not limited to the 16th century, but much applies.]

Haydn, Hiram, ed.: **The portable Elizabethan reader.** New York, Viking, 1946.

Trevelyan, G.M.: **Illustrated English social history: 2. The age of Shakespeare and the Stuart period.** Harmondsworth, Penguin, 1942.

More Advanced Reading:

Castiglione, Baldessare: **The book of the courtier.** transl. by George Bull.

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Cole, Mary Hill: **The Portable Queen: Elizabeth I and the Politics of Ceremony.**

University of Massachusetts Press, 2000.

Doran, Susan: **Elizabeth I and foreign policy: 1558-1603.** London, Routledge, 2000.

Dovey, Zillah: **An Elizabethan progress: The Queen's journey into East Anglia, 1578.**

Madison, Fairleigh Dickinson University Press, n.d.

Heal, Felicity: **The gentry in England and Wales, 1500-1700.** Stanford, Stanford Univ. Press, 1994. [For those portraying knights and their families.]

Loades, David: **The Tudor court.** Totowa, NJ, Barnes & Noble, 1987.

Loades, David: **Tudor Government.** Oxford, Blackwell, 1997.

Mattingly, Garrett: **The Armada.** Boston, Houghton Mifflin, 1959.

Nichols, John: **The progresses and public processions of Queen Elizabeth.** London, Nichols & Son, 1823.

Osborne, June: **Entertaining Elizabeth I: The progresses and great houses of her time.** London, Bishopsgate Press, 1991.

Moncrieffe, Iain & Pottinger, Don: **Simple heraldry, cheerfully illustrated.** Edinburgh, Nelson & Sons, 1953.

Stone, Lawrence: **The crisis of the aristocracy, 1558-1641.** London, Oxford University Press, 1965. [Be sure to get the unabridged edition.]

Biographies of Elizabeth Tudor: Read at least one of these.

Erickson, Carolly: **The first Elizabeth.** New York, St. Martin's Griffin, 1997.

Jenkins, Elizabeth: **Elizabeth the great.** New York, Time, 1964.

Neale, John E.: **Queen Elizabeth I.** Chicago, Academy Chicago Publications, 1992.

Somerset, Anne: **Elizabeth I.** New York, Knopf, 1991.

Williams, Neville: **Elizabeth, Queen of England.** London, Weidenfeld & Nicolson, 1967.

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- Bartholomew, John G.: **Survey atlas of England and Wales**. Edinburgh, Bartholomew, 1939.
- Burke, Sir Bernard: **Burke's Peerage, baronetage, and knightage**. London, Burke's Peerage.
- Burke, Sir Bernard: **A genealogical history of the dormant, abeyant, forfeited and extinct peerages**. London, Harrison, 1883.
- Cokayne, G.E.: **The complete peerage of England, Scotland, Ireland, Great Britain and the United Kingdom ...** London, St. Catherine Press, 1910-59.
- Oxford Dictionary of national biography**. London, Oxford University Press, 2004.
- Emerson, Kathy Lynn: **Wives & daughters: The women of the sixteenth century**. Troy, NY, Whitston, 1984.
- Kinney, Arthur F.: **Titled Elizabethans**. Hamden, CT, Archon, 1973.
- O'Day, Rosemary: **The Longman companion to the Tudor age**. London, Longman, 1995.
- Powell, Ken & Cook, Chris: **English historical facts, 1485-1603**. New York, Macmillan, 1977.
- Victoria Histories of the Counties of England**. London, Oxford University Press.

Costume:

- Arnold, Janet: **Patterns of fashion 1560-1620**. New York, Macmillan, 1988.
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- Arnold, Janet: **Queen Elizabeth's wardrobe unlock'd**. Leeds, Maney, 1988.
- Ashelford, Jane: **Dress in the age of Elizabeth I**. New York, Holmes & Meier, 1988
- Ashelford, Jane: **Visual history of costume: The sixteenth century**. London, Batsford, 1983.
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- Linthicum, M. Channing: **Costume in the drama of Shakespeare and his contemporaries**. Oxford, Clarendon Press, 1936.
- Mikhaila, Ninya & Malcolm-Davies, Jane: **The Tudor Tailor**. Costume & Fashion Press, 2006.
- Strong, Roy: **The Elizabethan icon: Elizabethan and Jacobean portraiture**. New York, Pantheon, 1969.
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- Winter, Janet & Schultz, Carolyn: **Elizabethan costuming for the years 1550-1580**. Oakland, Other Times, 1983.

These listings only scratch the surface of what is available about the period. Read as much as you can, since the more you know about the period in any aspect, the better rounded your characterization will be. Many of these books are out of print, but check your local libraries and used book dealers such as www.abebooks.com. Google Books may also be of some help for very old titles (<http://books.google.com/>).