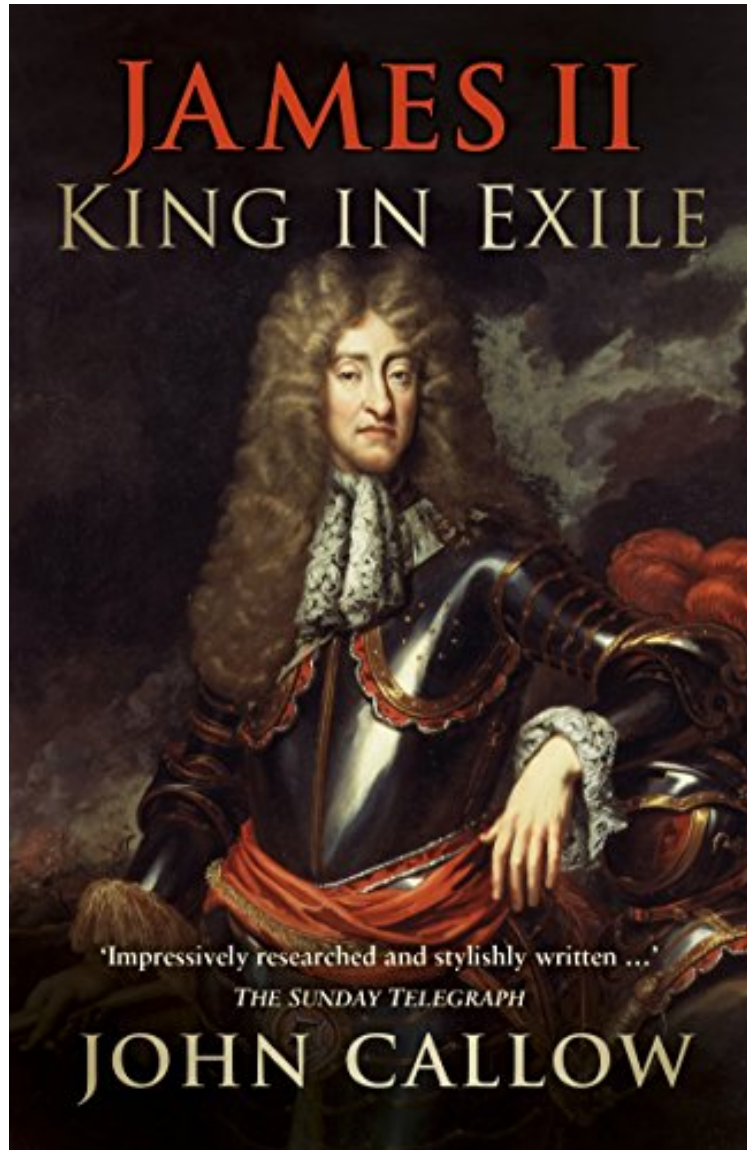


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. a king most stupid and of uncompromising Catholic pietyVon AmelrodeJames II is one of the most stupid monarchs ever to occupy the throne of England. Even before the acceded his downfall was projected. His downfall in the Glorious Revolution led to a great change in the political set-up of the country and laid the foundations for parliamentary

monarchy. James II and the Jacobites were still present as a threat to the new regimes (his daughters Mary II and Anne, his son-in-law William III and the Hannover Dynasty) but they could never really make it back. John Callow tries to reassess James's strategy for dealing with his downfall and exile. It is in itself very interesting as it clearly shows how James II was thinking, his views about himself and is the best proof why he needed to be removed from the throne. James's uncompromising Catholic piety makes one shudder. However, I can not understand why anyone would call this man a saint unless his steadily becoming more extravagant devotions and his extreme mortifications of the flesh are counted for this. He died in 1701 leaving a disastrous legacy of to his son. Not liking James II at all, I still enjoyed reading about him in this excellent book, because you understand very well how James II ticked. For me, this ticking was a wrong one, but this is a matter of judgement. Before judging one has to understand and here the book helps a lot.

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