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Editorial Review

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Josephine Tey is often referred to as the mystery writer for people who don't like mysteries. Her skills at character development and mood setting, and her tendency to focus on themes not usually touched upon by mystery writers, have earned her a vast and appreciative audience. In *Daughter of Time*, Tey focuses on the legend of Richard III, the evil hunchback of British history accused of murdering his young nephews. While at a London hospital recuperating from a fall, Inspector Alan Grant becomes fascinated by a portrait of King Richard. A student of human faces, Grant cannot believe that the man in the picture would kill his own nephews. With an American researcher's help, Grant delves into his country's history to discover just what kind of man Richard Plantagenet was and who *really* killed the little princes.

Review

The New York Times One of the best mysteries of all time.

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About the Author

Elizabeth MacKintosh used two pen names during her writing career: Josephine Tey, who was also her Suffolk great-great-grandmother, and Gordon Daviot. She was born in 1897 in Inverness, Scotland, where she attended the Royal Academy. Miss MacKintosh later trained for three years at the Anstey Physical Training College in Birmingham, then began her teaching career as a physical training instructor. She gave up teaching to keep house for her father, who lived near Loch Ness, and pursue her writing. Her first book was *The Man in the Queue* (1929), published under the Gordon Daviot pseudonym, and it introduced the character of Inspector Grant, familiar now from the Tey novels. The author wrote chiefly under the signature of Gordon Daviot from 1929 to 1946, during which time her works included the play *Richard of Bordeaux* (1933), which ran for a year with John Gielgud in the lead part. The first of the Josephine Tey mysteries, *A Shilling for Candies*, was published in 1936 and was eventually followed by *Miss Pym Disposes* in 1947. Also included among the Tey mysteries are *The Franchise Affair* (1949), *Brat Farrar* (1949), *To Love and Be Wise* (1950), *The Daughter of Time* (1951), and *The Singing Sands* (1952). Elizabeth MacKintosh died in London on February 13, 1952.

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