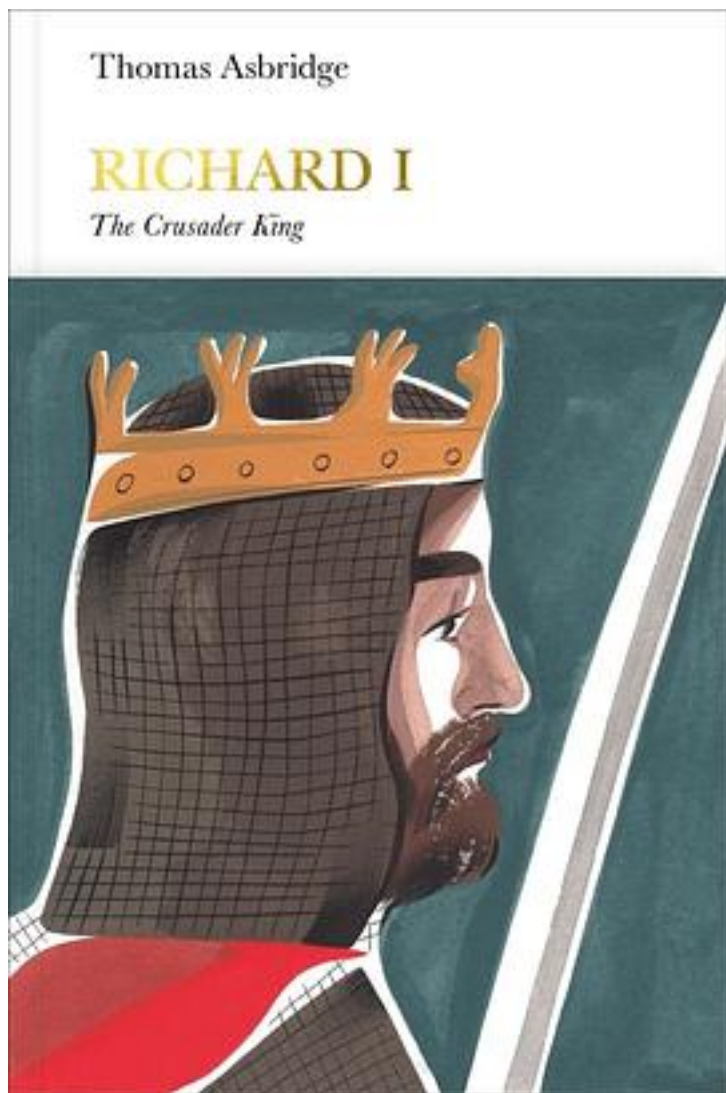


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Richard I's reign is both controversial and seemingly contradictory. One of England's most famous medieval monarchs and a potent symbol of national identity, he barely spent six months on English soil during a ten-year reign and spoke French as his first language. Contemporaries dubbed him the 'Lionheart', reflecting a carefully cultivated reputation for bravery, prowess and knightly virtue, but this supposed paragon of chivalry butchered close to 3,000 prisoners in cold blood on a single day. And, though revered as Christian Europe's greatest crusader, his grand campaign to the Holy Land failed to recover the city of Jerusalem from Islam.

Seeking to reconcile this conflicting evidence, Thomas Asbridge's incisive reappraisal of Richard I's career questions whether the Lionheart really did neglect his kingdom, considers why he devoted himself to the cause of holy war and asks how the memory of his life came to be interwoven with myth. Richard emerges as a formidable warrior-king, possessed of martial genius and a cultured intellect, yet burdened by the legacy of his dysfunctional dynasty and obsessed with the pursuit of honour and renown.

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大师级别才能把这么大个题目，在这么小一本书里讲得花样百出。Asbridge在本书中强调了狮心王在十字军东征之前对英格兰内政的安排，以及他从圣地归来后更加纯熟的技艺。当然，作者也不吝批评，直接点出了狮心王对子嗣的不上心是庞大的安茹帝国崩溃的直接原因。关于狮心王的形象——包括他前期与安茹家族内部的争斗——还有许多可以探究的。本书以作者一贯的专业精神和优美的文笔贡献了一本超值入门书。8.5。

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