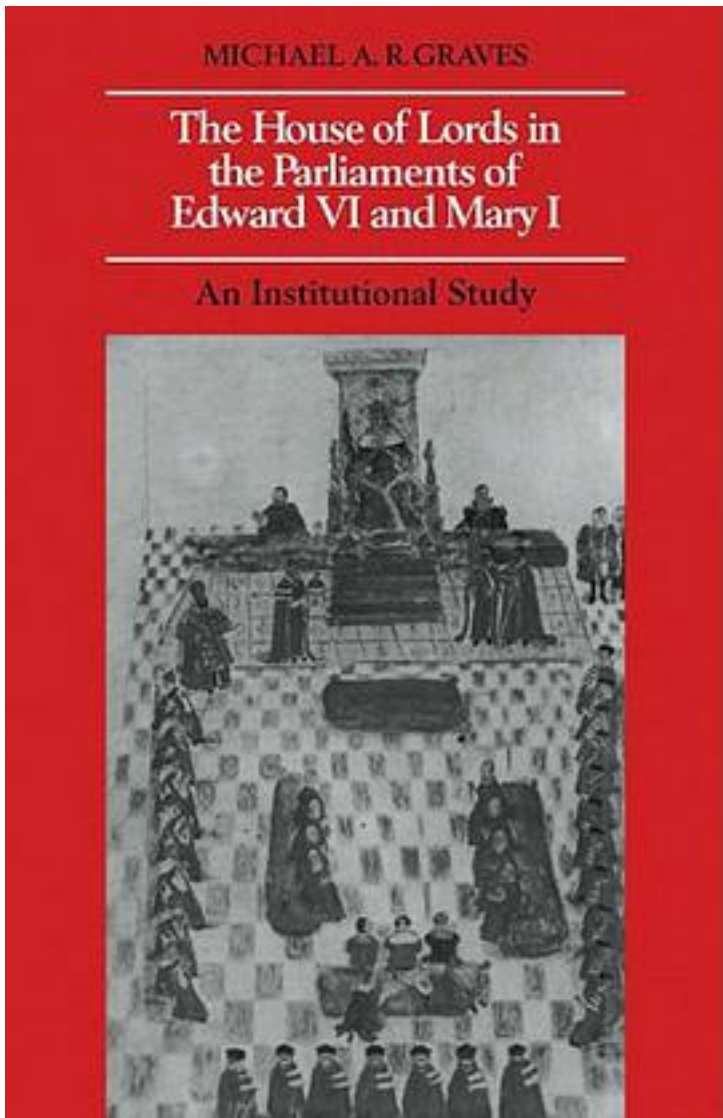


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都铎中期无疑是一个政治极端动荡的时代。未成年的爱德华六世政府在大贵族势力的控制下掀起了极端的宗教改革，英格兰首位女王玛丽一世又朝着另一个方向疾驰。作为权力核心的上议院，在这场狂风骤雨般的政治动荡中仍然表现出坚韧的生命力，但历史抛弃了他们。

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