**The Time Traveller’s Guide to Elizabethan England - Book Review**

The Time Traveller’s guide to Elizabethan England is the second in In Ian Mortimer’s series of Time Traveller’s guides. It is written about the period 1558-1603- the reign of Queen Elizabeth I of England. This period was by many viewed as a golden age in English History. It is the subject of many history books, about the queen, the armada, the poetry and other such events. However, very few books explain what it was like to live during this time period.

The Time Traveller’s guide series is quite unusual for a history book, as it is set in the present, to give the reader for the past happening, rather than as it has happened. It also answers questions which are typically not answered in history books such as how would you buy things? What would you eat in 1599? What would you use as toilet paper? and even what you would eat in Elizabeth’s reign.

I personally appreciate the level of detail in the book, as it makes it quite interesting and, in my opinion, really engages the reader.

The book has many chapters, each on a different aspect of daily life:

Chapters:  
1. The landscape 8. Where to Stay

2. The People 9. What to Eat and Drink

3. Religion 10. Hygiene, Illness and Medicine

4. Character 11. Law and Disorder:

5. Basic Essentials 12. Entertainment

6. What to wear 13. Envoi

7. Travelling

A slight gripe I have about the book is that there are few visual sources except from in the gallery sections. These can sometimes be quite inconvenient, as you must search for the gallery sections if you want to see an image, which can be a bit inconvenient, especially on the Kindle edition, where there is only one gallery right at the end. However, the gallery does have a good range of images about various subjects from different sources.

I find the book very well written. It is thorough, informative and engages the reader. It is educational, yet very enjoyable. I would recommend this book to people who want to learn about the reign of Queen Elizabeth in a more engaging way. All in all, I would highly recommend this book. It is available both as a paperback and as an Ebook on Kindle.