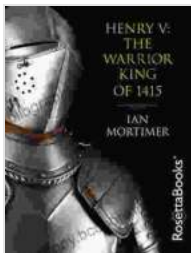


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Henry V was one of the most successful kings in English history. He led England to victory at the Battle of Agincourt in 1415, and his reign was marked by military conquest and political reform.

Henry was born in 1387, the son of King Henry IV. He was a sickly child, but grew into a strong and athletic young man. Henry was educated at

Oxford University, where he studied law and history. He also became proficient in several languages, including French and Latin.

In 1413, Henry became king at the age of 26. He quickly set about reforming the English government. He introduced a number of new laws, including one that required all men over the age of 16 to practice archery. Henry also strengthened the English navy and army.

In 1415, Henry invaded France to claim the French throne. The English army landed at Harfleur, and after a long siege, the city fell to the English. Henry then marched his army towards Calais, but was intercepted by a much larger French army at Agincourt.

The Battle of Agincourt was one of the most famous battles in English history. The English army was outnumbered by more than two to one, but Henry's brilliant leadership and the skill of his archers gave the English a decisive victory. The French army was routed, and Henry captured the French king, Charles VI.

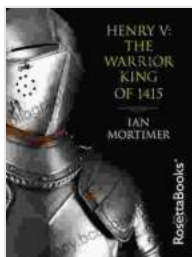
Henry's victory at Agincourt made him a hero in England. He returned to London in triumph, and was crowned King of France in 1420. Henry's reign was marked by further military conquests, and he eventually controlled much of northern France.

However, Henry's reign was also marked by tragedy. In 1422, his beloved wife, Catherine of Valois, died in childbirth. Henry was devastated by her death, and he never fully recovered. He died in 1422 at the age of 35.

Henry V was a complex and contradictory figure. He was a brilliant military leader and a skilled politician, but he was also a ruthless and ambitious

man. He was capable of great cruelty, but he was also a man of great faith and compassion.

Henry V's legacy is a mixed one. He was a successful king who expanded the English empire, but his reign was also marked by war and bloodshed. He was a complex and contradictory figure, but he was also one of the most important kings in English history.



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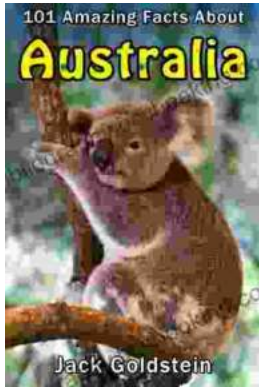
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