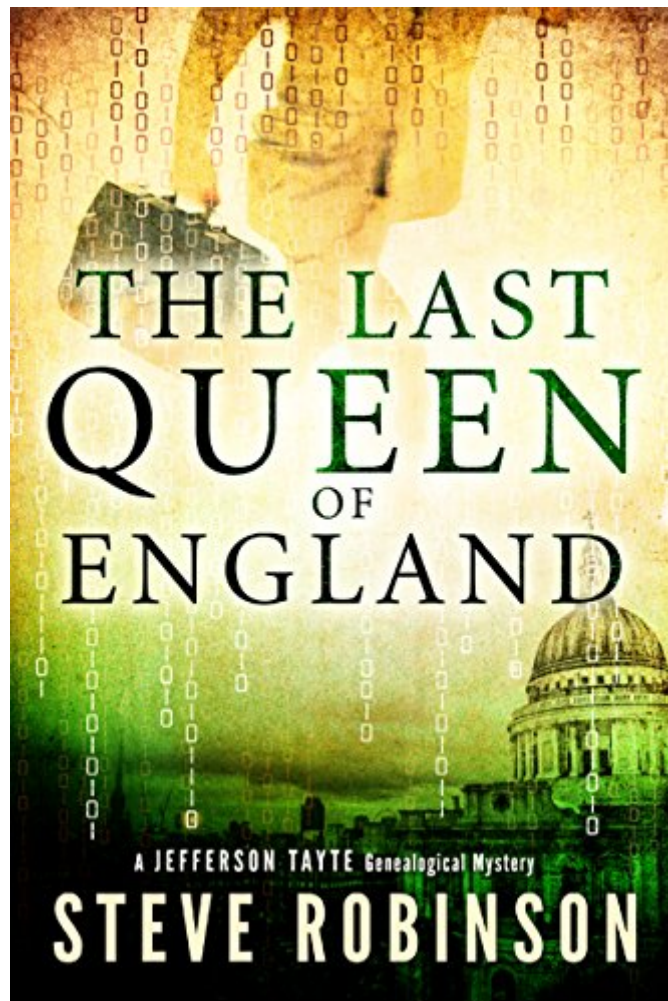


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Synopsis

While on a visit to London, American genealogist Jefferson Tayte's old friend and colleague dies in his arms. Before long, Tayte and a truth-seeking historian, Professor Jean Summer, find themselves following a corpse-ridden trail that takes them to the Royal Society of London, circa 1708. What to make of the story of five men of science, colleagues of Isaac Newton and Christopher Wren, who were mysteriously hanged for high treason? As they edge closer to the truth, Tayte and the professor find that death is once again in season. A new killer, bent on restoring what he sees as the true, royal bloodline, is on the loose...as is a Machiavellian heir-hunter who senses that the latest round of murder, kidnapping, and scandal represents an unmissable business opportunity. The Last Queen of England is a racing thriller with a heart-stopping conclusion. It follows on from In the Blood and To the Grave but can be enjoyed as a stand-alone novel. Revised edition: Previously published as part of the Jefferson Tayte Genealogical Mystery series, this edition of The Last Queen of England includes editorial revisions.

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Customer Reviews

I enjoyed Steve Robinson's first two Jefferson Tayte books but his latest offering is weak and a total

letdown. Tayte increasingly lacks believability and, as I mentioned in my review of the second novel, seems devoid of normal feelings when confronted with murder or attempted murder. Awful things are done to various persons in this novel yet Tayte remains as detached from death or suffering as a hardened Scotland Yard homicide detective. He's an enigma. The author has led us to believe through two books that Tayte is a self-deprecating, overweight bachelor who lives alone, is addicted to chocolate and has no love interest in his life. At forty, he has not yet matured into an adult and his feeble attempt at romance reads like a very bad Harlequin paperback. Yet this chubby chocoholic also seems to possess superpowers; he's able to chase through seventy-two hours without a wink of sleep. Tayte is just no longer believable. To this reader's satisfaction, Mr. Robinson never develops the background or essence of his characters. Members of Britain's MI5 are introduced without thread or reason (other than to mention haircuts and a dogtooth suit). We meet a politician who has no real bearing on the plot and could easily have been left out of the story altogether. A killer emerges, devoid of substance. The killer and his brother are enigmas. Why is one brother a psychopath? What happened in his formative years that made him an insane killer? We don't know what makes them tick or why they are so obsessed with family history. It's not fully explained by the author, therefore the over the top killing spree makes no sense. The villain of the piece is an effete and tiresome Frenchman; we are given nothing of his background in this weak and lukewarm plot.

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