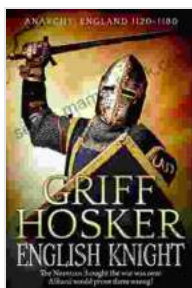


# The Anarchy: A Time of Chaos and Strife in Medieval England

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## Causes of the Anarchy

The Anarchy was caused by a number of factors, including:

- The death of King Henry I in 1135 without a clear heir.
- The claims of Empress Matilda, Henry's daughter, to the throne.
- The opposition of King Stephen, Henry's nephew, to Matilda's claims.

- The support of many barons for Stephen, who was seen as a strong and capable leader.

## **The Course of the Anarchy**

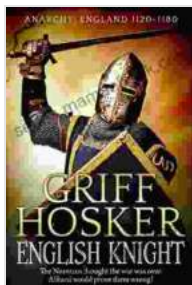
The Anarchy began in 1135 with the death of King Henry I. His daughter, Empress Matilda, claimed the throne, but she was opposed by her cousin, King Stephen. Stephen was supported by many barons, and he was crowned king in December 1135.

The civil war lasted for 18 years and saw much of England ravaged by fighting. Both sides committed atrocities, and the country was plunged into chaos. The fighting eventually ended in 1153 with the Treaty of Winchester, which recognized Stephen as king but named Matilda's son, Henry, as his heir.

## **The Effects of the Anarchy**

The Anarchy had a devastating impact on England. The country was ravaged by fighting, and the economy was severely damaged. The population declined, and many towns and villages were abandoned. The Anarchy also weakened the power of the monarchy and led to the rise of the barons.

The Anarchy was a dark period in English history. It was a time of chaos and strife, as rival barons and claimants to the throne fought for power. The war had a devastating impact on the country, and it took many years for England to recover.



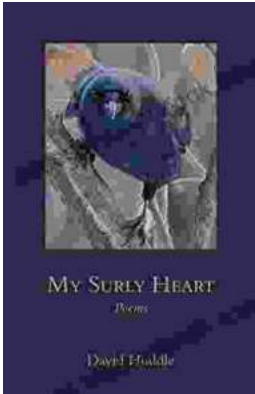
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