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Just as the monarchy has been hereditary in many countries, so insanity has been hereditary in many monarchs. Here are 2,000 years of crazy kings and potty potentates, including such infamous characters as Caligula and Vlad the Impaler.

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Katherine says

When I read the description of this on Amazon, I thought it sounded like it would be an interesting read. Now that I've finished it, I can say that I found it gossipy, and I really don't know whether to believe some of the claims in it. Anyway, an entertaining read, but not something I would take into a history class.

Jennifer says

A quick, interesting read.

Not for those interested in truly learning history, as no references are given. This book reads almost like a tabloid newspaper. Interesting and fun, but not reliable in the least.

Also frustrating were some of the unnecessary comments the author added in a failed attempt at humor.

Although poorly written and lacking editing, this book was the perfect book to read while spending a sick day at home. Not much concentration was needed, each story was relatively short, and the content was very interesting.

Claudene Lotspeich says

This is my guilty pleasures book. A tabloid about dead people so no one gets hurt. Also all about true things and not just needing a deadline.

Jenny says

I usually like the gossipy, informal nature of books like this, but this one had too many very forced puns.

Alienor says

Indeed, what a strange collection of characters. Reading this book made me strangely optimistic about the current world - when you see the utter insanity and total power of past rulers, you can cheerfully look forward to the next elections, and not expect to be shot by the king just because you're walking down the street! (Hopefully). Anyhoo, an interesting transversal view of history...!

Small Review says

About 25% through. Not entirely accurate, misleading, and too much effort to be funny without actually being funny.

Kathryn Rogers says

I loved this book!

The author relays history as though telling a story, which is the only real way I can read history books without getting bored.

There were points when I had to take a break but that happens with all books that are essentially huge info-dumps.

Jessica says

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Full of misspellings and repetition, but I did enjoy this book. My favorite was Norton I, Emperor of the United States. I preferred the silly lovable characters to the sexually depraved or evil ones.

Diana says

Short vignettes exposing the eccentricities and madness of various rulers throughout history.

I was familiar with some of these rulers, but others were new to me. I really enjoyed the book, and found myself reading through the stories quickly. The only thing I didn't quite like was the sometimes odd comparisons to modern concepts, which felt out of place within the book.

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Galuh Wiyarti says

I remember reading this in my junior high years and I instantly love it. The dark tales tends to attract me

more.

Rachael Eyre says

A quick, fun read. Horrible Histories for adults, it mixes the notorious (the nastier Roman Emperors) with lesser known but equally eccentric figures from world history. If you're squeamish, it's probably best to avoid, since many of these characters dabbled in sadism and outright murder. It was like spending a few evenings in the company of a particularly scurrilous gossip columnist (I've always pictured Suetonius as Frankie Howerd in Up Pompeii for some reason!) Other reviewers have complained about the arch tone, but I for one felt it was just right.

I will definitely be checking out the other books in the series.

C.A. Gray says

I stopped reading this about 1/3 of the way through just because while the title says "strangest," it really means "cruellest" (and I don't particularly enjoy reading about torture in graphic detail.) One thing's for sure, it's an answer to people who say our world NOW is a mess!

Lori says

This book had a lot of fun, interesting historical stories to read. It's amazing how many lunatic leaders are or were out there (though I guess not really...) The book goes in chronological order up to present day, providing stories from around the globe. Loved it!
