

Context notes for The Lost King movie

After Edward IV's death in 1483, his brother Richard was made protector of Edward IV's son--a minor--Edward V, in accordance with Edward IV's wishes. Subsequently it was found that Edward IV had secretly committed to a legally binding marriage to Eleanor Talbot who did not become his queen. Therefore, Edward IV's marriage to Elizabeth Woodville, who was the mother of his children, including two sons, was determined to be bigamous, thus making his children bastards, and therefore could not inherit title. His brother Richard, became king Richard III June 6, 1483.

Fast forward two years to August 22, 1485 when Richard III and his armies met Henry Tudor and his armies to fight to keep his kingdom. Henry Tudor's armies defeated Richard III where he was slain in battle and interred at the Grey Friars monastery after lying in state for two days.

Fast forward another 400 years or so, Richard's grave had seemingly been lost, when a group of Ricardians, led by Philippa Langley in coordination with John Ashdown Hill determined where Richard III's remains likely were. This movie captures the essence of the journey of finding The Lost King.

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