

on colour plates, but the original photographs were not always of high quality; money was seemingly saved by omitting an index.

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The Peasants' Revolting: Lives. Stories of the Worst of Times Lived by the Underclasses of Britain. By Terry Deary. 16 × 23 cm. vi + 173 pp. Barnsley: Pen & Sword History, 2020. ISBN 978-1-52674-561-3. Price: £12.99 pb.

A book with this title is hardly going to have a laugh on every page but the author lightens the mood by inserting humour whenever he can. Nonetheless, he cannot resist the temptation to view all the ills of history, no matter how unpleasant, through a twenty-first-century lens – though I would grant that it is not difficult to

draw modern parallels with the fourth chapter which covers sickness and plague. This is an enjoyable and easy read, which fits well with other works by Deary, and anything which makes history more accessible to a wider audience is to be praised. In that regard the book is a success, although not for the academic reader (who is not the intended reader, in any event). It may prove very useful as a source document for younger pupils and, peppered with groan-inducing jokes, its humour works well; in fact, being full of contemporary accounts and quotations, it also introduces readers to the concept of primary sources. Although I detected an occasional whiff of modern politics, it is a well thought-out, entertaining and interesting publication which I would recommend to anyone wanting to know about things beyond Lords, Ladies, Kings and Queens.

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