

Claire Ridgway23:00

Feel free to start posing questions, commenting etc. on Mary. Thank you to Heather for having the idea to do this chat session.

Dawn Hatswell23:00

You knit too then Karna

Heather Darsie23:00

It vexes me a little because Mary, QoS was all of 18 when she returned to Scotland, whereas ER I was 25 when she became queen of England and MR I was almost 40

Lorna Wanstall23:01

Heather what do you feel was Mary's main problems

Lorna Wanstall23:01

or should I say the start of all her problems

Claire Ridgway23:01

People often contrast Mary Q of S and Elizabeth I, one ruled by her heart and the other by her head, is that fair?

Heather Darsie23:02

To me, it seems that her main problems were first, that she was "foreign" to Scotland; second, that she was Catholic in a country leaning toward Protestantism/Reform; and third, that she did not have any reliable advisors

Claire Ridgway23:03

You could say that Mary was prepared for queenship though, albeit queen consort of France. That was quite a start.

Lorna Wanstall23:03

I'm of the opinion heather that Mary's problems all came down to one thing,,. France..

Dawn Hatswell23:03

I personally think Mary wasn't prepared for what Scotland and it's people where like, if you compare it to French living then

Claire Ridgway23:03

Hi Teri and ELizabeth!

Heather Darsie23:03

I think, Claire, that we also have to look to the ages of these women and their life experiences. Mary was potentially not properly trained to be a queen of Scotland. While neither ER I nor MR I were directly, either, they had a lot more time to collect their thoughts.

Heather Darsie23:03

Yes, I agree, Dawn and Lorna.

Teri Fitzgerald23:03

Hi everyone!

Heather Darsie23:03

Hello, Teri!

Teri Fitzgerald23:03

Hello Heather, Claire!

Dawn Hatswell23:04

Hello teri

Elizabeth Clayton23:04

Hello everyone!

Teri Fitzgerald23:04

Hi Dawn!

Teri Fitzgerald23:04

Hi Elizabeth!

Heather Darsie23:04

What thoughts does everyone have on her being a French-raised, Scottish queen?

Heather Darsie23:04

Welcome, Elizabeth!

Lorna Wanstall23:05

I can understand why Marie de Guise chose to send Mary to France, but it did her no favours

Claire Ridgway23:05

Hmmm... I think Mary must have had a great start though being brought up at the French court.

I think she did, too, Claire; she would have been exposed to a lot more things pertinent to the global aspect of being a queen.

I think the Scottish lords saw Mary as a weak puppet, to an extent.

Dawn Hatswell23:06

I think that she came back with fanciful ideas on ruling the Scots as the French ruled...the Scots very very down to earth and lived a much harder lifestyle

Heather Darsie23:06

I think so, too, Dawn.

Hello Alisa and Sharon!

Sharon Conrad23:07

Hi everyone!

Alisa23:07

Hello

Claire Ridgway has joined the channel

Colleen MacDonald has joined the channel

Claire Ridgway23:07

I think Elizabeth was lucky with the people that surrounded her, her household and Cecil.

Claire Ridgway23:07

Hi Sharon , Alisa and Colleen!

Heather Darsie23:08

I was thinking about the outlandish (to me) ways that Mary was treated by those closest to her once she returned to Scotland. The incident that always sticks out most in my mind was the murder of Rizzo.

Lorna Wanstall23:08

Mary did show some strength of will when she came back to Scotland when she put down the Huntley rebellion

Heather Darsie23:08

Indeed, she did.

Dawn Hatswell23:08

Plus it would be an affront that a girl had her backside on the throne, a catholic one at that

Claire Ridgway23:09

For those just joining, we've started out by discussing the differences between Mary Q of S, Mary I and Elizabeth I as queens. Heather mentioned Mary Q of S's young age when she became Q of S.

Lorna Wanstall23:10

Unfortunately Mary didn't really follow up on that Victory and of course the Lords saw that as a weakness to be exploited and boydid they exploit it

Dawn Hatswell23:10

She certainly was throw to the wolves so to speak, her half brother wasn't pleased about her taking the reins

Teri Fitzgerald23:10



Very true Dawn!

Heather Darsie23:10

Yes, I think so. And, unfortunately, with ER I being Protestant, I don't think Mary could truly expect any help from her cousin.

Colleen MacDonald23:10

Hi all. I think some of the stereotypes are true, Elizabeth played the long game, was very calculating, good political player, while Mary always went with her emotions. Maybe a bit simplistic, but somewhat true.

Heather Darsie23:11

Claire does make an excellent point that ER I had a good household and good advisers. It does not seem that Mary ever truly had the same once she returned to Scotland.

Lorna Wanstall23:11

Perhaps if she had had the backing of her De Guise family she may have made a difference to Scotland, but they seemed to abandon her as well when she left France

Teri Fitzgerald23:12

Mary seemed to trust the wrong people

Claire Ridgway23:12

And fall for the wrong men...

Teri Fitzgerald23:13

She certainly did Claire!

Colleen MacDonald23:13

agree, Mary seemed to have bad advice, or the wrong people around her. I think she was naïve in that she thought the Scottish people would love her, but she made so many poor choices, married the wrong man, took up with questionable men.

Heather Darsie23:14

Turning back to the Rizzo murder, Mary and her ladies were dining in a VERY small chamber in Holyrood Palace. I'd say the space was only big enough for a table and maybe 10 people. After Rizzo was attacked, he went through Mary's bedchamber, which was just outside the small area in which they were dining, and then into the chapel, where he died. And this while a very pregnant Mary has a gun to her head.

Dawn Hatswell23:14

Mary was attacked from all sides really and didn't have the backing she needed to show her how to rule such an unruly land, because it still was not as sophisticated as England in many ways..and don't forget the fires of hell John Knox on her Case too

Mary's taste in men was also a big part in her downfall as well

Elizabeth Clayton23:15

She seemed to fall for the wrong men and be ruled by her heart. Elizabeth seemed to keep that barrier between her heart and her head, sticking to what she felt was safest for her.

Heather Darsie23:15

Certainly.

Turning back to her choice in men, what is everyone's take on Bothwell and her relationship with him?

Heather Darsie23:15

Sorry, my internet seems to be lagging a bit!

Colleen MacDonald23:15

And yet after the Rizzo murder she showed how strong she could begot Darnley on her side, rode off while 5 months pregnant, on a arduous trip, showed great strength.

Dawn Hatswell23:15

Both ER and Mary were emotional, but ER kept hers more under control

Colleen MacDonald23:16

Not sure about Bothwell...her relationship with him is open to interpretation, was it coercion or voluntary?

Lorna Wanstall23:16

Heather, my opinion is that she believed herself to be in love with him, just as she had Darnley, but Bothwell's love for Mary was all about power

Heather Darsie23:16

This is true, Colleen. And yes, I think you are right, Dawn. I think ER I had more natural political acumen than Mary.

Teri Fitzgerald23:17

I can't help but wonder how the young Elizabeth would have fared without the steadying influence of Cecil in the early years of her reign.

Elizabeth Clayton23:17

Yes, Heather. I went to Holyroodhouse Palace in October and I found it so moving to be in that room.

Heather Darsie23:17

I have always wondered if the relationship with Bothwell started as involuntary, but she married him because there was no precedent for a queen regnant having illegitimate children.

Colleen MacDonald23:17

Did she really love Bothwell or is that Hollywood fiction? Was she threatened into a relationship? and, backing up a bit, what was her involvement in Darnley's murder?

Dawn Hatswell23:17

Bothwell, a tricky bloke I reckon...I have doubts on the rape of Mary, always have had. How could that be?

Colleen MacDonald23:18

Was her relationship with Bothwell coerced or voluntary?

Heather Darsie23:18

I think we see with ER and the odd interactions with Seymour that she was like any other young woman, like Mary, but that ER had to learn the hard way about flirtations.

Lorna Wanstall23:18

Bothwell had suffered after the death of Marie de Guise and had been stripped of quite a bit of his land, he was out for revenge, and he wanted to use Mary as a way of getting that revenge, especially against Lord James

Heather Darsie23:19

That is the crux, Dawn. Colleen, I think she was a passionate person who loved first and thought later. She may have allowed Bothwell to become close to her, and perhaps then found herself in a less-than-desirable situation.

Lorna Wanstall23:19

I don't believe Bothwell raped her. She was a willing victim

Colleen MacDonald23:20

agree Heather, similar to Darnley, jump first and regret it later once she saw what he was like.

Dawn Hatswell23:20

Mary 'wanted to be loved in the way the French pandered love no doubt, not her fault really. She wasn't going to get that from a serious political court of Scotland or England

Elizabeth Clayton23:20

It is all such a sad chain of events!

Colleen MacDonald23:20

what do you think about Elizabeth offering Robert Dudley up as a husband?

Claire Ridgway23:20

They all came to such sticky ends - Darnley, Mary, Bothwell...

Heather Darsie23:20

Bothwell abandoned poor Mary at the end.

Heather Darsie23:20

They did, didn't they?

Heather Darsie23:21

Mary's execution was ghastly.

Lorna Wanstall23:21

Claire have you seen the picture of what is believed to be Bothwell's mummified head?

Heather Darsie23:22

Is this it, Lorna?[https://art.nationalgalleries.org/art-and-artists/8767/james-hepburn-4th-earl-bothwell-c-1535-1578-third-husband-mary-queen-scots-study-mummified-head?](https://art.nationalgalleries.org/art-and-artists/8767/james-hepburn-4th-earl-bothwell-c-1535-1578-third-husband-mary-queen-scots-study-mummified-head?subjects[30507]=30507&search_set_offset=23)

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Teri Fitzgerald23:22

The execution was horribly botched.

No, I haven't seen that, not sure I want to!

Lorna Wanstall23:23

Yes Heather it is.

Dawn Hatswell23:24

When she was in Loch Leven and she miscarried Bothwells child/children, who documented it was twins not one child.

Heather Darsie23:24

Yes, Teri. Two strokes with an ax, then her head rolling off because the executioner did not take into consideration that noble women sometimes wore wigs.

Sharon Conrad23:24

Her dog under her skirts.

Colleen MacDonald23:24

I think it would have been interesting if Mary had called Elizabeth's bluff and said "yes, I'll marry Robert Dudley". Sorry if my topic isn't in sync, seems to be a delay

I did not know that Bothwell's body became mummified. Has everyone seen the facial reconstructions of Darnley?

Claire Ridgway23:25

I always wondered that too, Colleen!

Lorna Wanstall23:25

No not seen that one Heather

Heather Darsie23:25

You're fine, Colleen. Yes, I do wonder how things would have changed if Mary married Dudley, or really, any Englishman.

Dawn Hatswell23:25

She went to the scaffold defiant though, the red martyrs under gown

Teri Fitzgerald23:25

Mary' ghastly execution must have played on Elizabeth's mind!

Heather Darsie23:25

Here is the reconstruction of Darnley:<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/science/2016/08/15/face-of-lord-darnley-revealed---mary-queen-of-scots-lusty-and-we/>

Teri Fitzgerald23:25

Poor little dog!

Lorna Wanstall23:26

Sharon Ah yes little Geddon, poor little thing was so devoted to Mary that it pined away and died shortly after his mistress

Colleen MacDonald23:26

I think Elizabeth had herself convinced that she really hadn't done it, she allowed the execution decision to be taken out of her hands, so she could feel ok about it

Heather Darsie23:26

Yes to both!

What thoughts do you have on James I's relationship with his mother?

Dawn Hatswell23:26

I reckon Elizabeth would have pulled the plug on the Dudley marriage if she had accepted him

Heather Darsie23:26

I think you're right, Colleen. Lorna, who is Geddon? Mary's dog?

Teri Fitzgerald23:27

He looks like Tintin!

Sharon Conrad23:27

I think it plagued Elizabeth.

Dawn Hatswell23:27

I have always thought ER did that as an insult to be honest..

Heather Darsie23:27

You know, Dawn, I don't know that ER would. Dudley would have made the perfect contact for ER within Mary's court.

Colleen MacDonald23:27

I think James was brainwashed against his mother. Did nothing to defend her, but then created a great tomb for her.

Lorna Wanstall23:27

Heather, yes Geddon was Mary's little Skye terrier

Heather Darsie23:27

Yes, that I could see how proposing marriage to Dudley would be an insult.

Teri Fitzgerald23:28

Colleen, ... and lessen any blame

Sharon Conrad23:28

Mary took the offer of Dudley as an insult.

Lorna Wanstall23:28

I believe she had it given to her when she was with the earl of Shrewbury

Alisa23:28

Do you know how things might have turned out such as rule, etc had she remained Queen Consort of France? More difficult, less, etc?

Heather Darsie23:28

What thoughts does everyone have on ER's unwillingness to ever meet Mary?

Heather Darsie23:29

Well, I think that Mary would have been a very real threat to England had she remained Queen Consort of France and Queen Regnant of Scotland.

Dawn Hatswell23:29

He certainly would have, but could E live without him at her side, I can see her raging at the thought of him being intimate with her, lol

Colleen MacDonald23:29

I've often wondered why they never met. I guess Elizabeth was too threatened.

Heather Darsie23:29

The Scottish and French could have boxed in England, I believe, had they wished to make a serious military assault on the kingdom.

Teri Fitzgerald23:29

By meeting Mary, she might be seen to be acknowledging her as a successor.

Lorna Wanstall23:29

Ailsa, Mary's De Guise uncles tried to marry Mary to the new french King Charles after Francois death

Heather Darsie23:30

What thoughts does everyone have on Mary's relationship with her son, James I & VI?

Dawn Hatswell23:30

Yes she did Sharon, perhaps E was testing her in some way..

Lorna Wanstall23:31

Naturally Catherine de Medici was having none of it, she never liked Mary, in fact she never really liked any woman who stood in her way

Colleen MacDonald23:31

Do you think Mary could have stayed in France after Francois' death?

Teri Fitzgerald23:31



Lorna!

Dawn Hatswell23:31

E not meeting M...fear I think...

Heather Darsie23:31

No, Catherine would not have it. I agree with Lorna.

Colleen MacDonald23:32

what do you think Mary knew about Darnley's murder?

Heather Darsie23:32

Also, there was no purpose for Mary to stay in France once she was no longer a queen or formal member of the French royal family. By royal, I mean ruling.

Sharon Conrad23:32

I agree with Lorna. Catherine wanted Mary out of France.

Lorna Wanstall23:33

Heather. I believe James was brought up to hate his mother, but I don't think he hated her as such he just felt betrayed by her.. He certainly must have had some warm feelings towards her to have her body re buried in westminster abbey and give her such a beautiful tomb

Colleen MacDonald23:34

warm feelings or guilt?

Dawn Hatswell23:34

I think it was a fear of the logistics of meeting her and the danger, also the fear of her own vanity, Mary was a tall, striking woman, or perhaps E though it might weaken her resolve against Mary, and feel empathy towards her

Teri Fitzgerald23:34

Colleen, probably both.

Colleen MacDonald23:34

and it's ironic that the two queens who never met in life are buried so close in death.

Heather Darsie23:35

I would agree, Lorna. Or perhaps James was more interested in showing that he was a legitimate, true heir to the English throne through his mother.

Colleen MacDonald23:35

there's a facial reconstruction of Mary at Jedburgh house, probably also elsewhere, has anyone seen it? I wonder if it's true to life

Lorna Wanstall23:36

As it goes Colleen the tomb that Mary now occupies was once Elizabeth's anyway

Heather Darsie23:36

I think for ER, who tried to keep her cool at all times, Dawn is right in supposing that ER might feel empathy toward MARY.

Sharon Conrad23:36

@ Colleen Guilt methinks.

Lorna Wanstall23:36

James bunged Elizabeth in with her sister, hence the here lay we two sisters bit

Dawn Hatswell23:37

Mary didn't have a chance to build any relationship with James, he was brought up by those who were against her, and educated as such...there was no bond

Alisa23:37

I have to step off now as there is an emergency. There has been a lot of good information shared. Thank you!

Heather Darsie23:37

Here is a link showing the Jedburgh reconstruction:<http://www.marie-stuart.co.uk/Castles/MaryHouse.htm>

Teri Fitzgerald23:37

Bye Alisa!

Heather Darsie23:37

Best wishes, Alisa! Thank you!

Colleen MacDonald23:37

[https://www.google.ca/search?q=facial reconstruction mary queen of scots&biw=1206&bih=887&tbm=isch&imgil=5JeImBBipkDbLM%3A%3BahXsSPM-aMscqM%3Bhttp%253A%252F%252Fhistorybitches.blogspot.com%252F2013%252F07%252Fthe-three-faces-of-mary.html&source=iu&pf=m&fir=5JeImBBipkDbLM%3A%2CahXsSPM-aMscqM%2C&usq=_a_l4qc0PkKxjCoLu1bMo_ifY34=&ved=0ahUKEwjQwqLp9L3SAhWB5oMKHeMrBK4QyjcIMQ&ei=kEG7WNC6BIHNjwTj15DwCg#imgrc=5JeImBBipkDbLM:](https://www.google.ca/search?q=facial+reconstruction+mary+queen+of+scots&biw=1206&bih=887&tbm=isch&imgil=5JeImBBipkDbLM%3A%3BahXsSPM-aMscqM%3Bhttp%253A%252F%252Fhistorybitches.blogspot.com%252F2013%252F07%252Fthe-three-faces-of-mary.html&source=iu&pf=m&fir=5JeImBBipkDbLM%3A%2CahXsSPM-aMscqM%2C&usq=_a_l4qc0PkKxjCoLu1bMo_ifY34=&ved=0ahUKEwjQwqLp9L3SAhWB5oMKHeMrBK4QyjcIMQ&ei=kEG7WNC6BIHNjwTj15DwCg#imgrc=5JeImBBipkDbLM:)

Dawn Hatswell23:38

As for the demise of Darnley...how could she not know? I can't work that one out

Lorna Wanstall23:38

Heather there is that, but by the time James got around to moving Mary into Westminster Abbey he had been on the throne long enough so didn't need to put his rubber stamp on his claim

Heather Darsie23:38

James could only gain from building a relationship with ER and not with Mary. She was a fugitive and a constant threat to ER. Mary's position as a threat was quite a bit due to Mary's own declarations and actions.

Claire Ridgway23:39

Bye Alisa!

Colleen MacDonald23:39

I think Mary's involvement in Darnley's death was like Henry II with Becket....oh, will no one rid me of this meddling husband?

Claire Ridgway23:39

Hope everything is ok Alisa x

Heather Darsie23:39

True. It seems to me that James indulged in positive propaganda surrounding Mary after he became king and it seemed safe to do so.

Sharon Conrad23:39

About the casket letters. Forged?

Heather Darsie23:40

Colleen, I think you make a good point. And Bothwell took it upon himself to rescue Mary from Darnley, perhaps.

Claire Ridgway23:40

I agree with Colleen, that does sound like a believable scenario.

Lorna Wanstall23:40

My belief about Darnley death and Mary's involvement is that she knew what was going to happen and perhaps agreed that Darnley had to go, but other than that she didn't care

Dawn Hatswell23:40

I saw the MQof Sexhibition in Edinburgh Heather with virtual reconstruction, death masks etc it was fantastic

Heather Darsie23:40

Sharon, I have never been able to form a strong opinion on the Casket Letters. The biggest evidence I see that shows the letter were forged, was how did anyone get a hold of them?

Lorna Wanstall23:41

Mary claimed the casket letter were forged, by none other than Mary Beaton,

Dawn Hatswell23:41

Sorry that looks rude!!lol Sexabition Tut tut

Lorna Wanstall23:41

their handwriting was aparently very similar

Heather Darsie23:42

How exciting, Dawn! Have you seen the new digital reconstruction? I do not think that one looks much like the Mary we see in portraits. I seem to remember reading somewhere that one of the portraits used to create the digital reconstruction was a post-humus portrait.

Sharon Conrad23:42

I know. They have always bothered me. Why would Mary Beaton do that?

Lorna Wanstall23:43

The box that they were in had the monogram of Francois on it

Colleen MacDonald23:43

I thought that the letters that were used against her were copies anyway, with the handwriting of whoever copied them. Did they have the originals to use against her?

Heather Darsie23:43

No problem, Dawn 😊 I had a chuckle

Dawn Hatswell23:43

The letters, I believe it was like Darnley, how could she not know? Perhaps she dictated them she suffered with the rheums maybe she wrote differently when she was in pain

Sharon Conrad23:44

That's what I think, Dawn.

Colleen MacDonald23:44

and I thought the letters were bits and pieces cobbled together to make them say what her accusers wanted, some Mary's, some not even her letters.

Teri Fitzgerald23:44

Dawn, you're probably right.

Lorna Wanstall23:46

Personally I'm inclined to think that the casket letters, were put together to blacken Mary. I believe that Elizabeth was considering sending Mary home with an army from somewhere, and in order to prevent Mary returning to Scotland James hastily came out with the casket letters

Heather Darsie23:47

Wouldn't James still have been a child when all that happened? Perhaps I have my years mixed up.

Dawn Hatswell23:47

I saw the one at the exhibition, but it says in the catalogue that many portraits of M where painted at a much later date, as a lot of stuff was made meant to be hers when there was a revival of Mary, she was a fashion at later times it seems

Heather Darsie23:48

Yes, she was a rather romantic figure, in some ways.

Claire Ridgway23:48

I'll try and dig out my notes on a talk I went to that John Guy did on Mary, It was fantastic.

Heather Darsie23:49

Thank you, Claire!

Colleen MacDonald23:49

Oh, I liked John Guy's book....although I ended up buying it twice, since it had different titles in Canada and the UK. I was so excited to find another book on Mary, then realized I already had it.

Dawn Hatswell23:50

Whether she had a hand in them or no, she was after Elizabeth's throne, and would support any uprising, assassination attempt etc to get it, she wasn't an innocent bystander by any means...

Heather Darsie23:50

I hate it when that happens 😞

Turning back to the popularity of Mary after her death, it seems that both Mary and ER experienced a revival during the Victorian era.

Lorna Wanstall23:50

What I find bizarre about Mary and Darnley's death, is on the morning of being told Darnley was dead she went out and played Golf

Teri Fitzgerald23:51

Exactly, Dawn!

Claire Ridgway23:52

I think she walked into a trap. It may have been a trap cooked up but she walked into it. I don't believe she was innocent.

Heather Darsie23:52

Perhaps Mary wanted to distract herself from the death of Darnley? Though it was widely known, I think, that she did not care for him at all.

Teri Fitzgerald23:52

Colleen, Heather, same here!

Dawn Hatswell23:53

I think you can add Henry's executed queens to that romantic revival too heather

Heather Darsie23:53

There is a good play about Mary written by Friedrich Schiller called "Maria Stuart." It looks at the conflict between Mary and ER. Which depictions of Mary in entertainment do you find most compelling?

Heather Darsie23:53

I agree, Dawn.

Sharon Conrad23:53

And Jane Grey

Dawn Hatswell23:54

On Yes Jane too, forgot about poor Jane

Lorna Wanstall23:54

Little titbit for you all to ponder over, Lord James Stewart the first man to be killed by "Firelock Pistol" in Scotland

Colleen MacDonald23:55

I find Mary's life so fascinating, when I first heard about the series "Reign", I thought they would have plenty of material to make an exciting series...but then they didn't

Sharon Conrad23:55

Yes, a lost opportunity there, Colleen.

Heather Darsie23:55

Really, Lorna? I will have to read up on that! Interesting.

Dawn Hatswell23:55

I have seen the UNUSUAL play Mary Queen of Scots got Head Chopped Off...

Claire Ridgway23:56

Here in Spain there's been a programme on called "Reinas" about Mary Q of S and Elizabeth, made in association with the BBC I believe, but I haven't been able to catch it.

Heather Darsie23:56

Colleen, I KNOW. I watched the first season, then couldn't stand it anymore. Not even the pretty clothes were a compelling reason to watch Reign!

Claire Ridgway23:56

<http://www.rtve.es/alacarta/videos/reinas/>

Heather Darsie23:56

Thank you, Claire

Elizabeth Clayton23:57

I hope that they will broadcast Reinas in the UK.

Teri Fitzgerald23:57

Lorna, you are a walking encyclopedia!

Heather Darsie23:57

There was a nice documentary which BBC did a year or two back, where the two actresses spoke the written letters of Mary and ER. Let me see if I can find it for you.

Dawn Hatswell23:57

I liked the last film on Mary, was it made in Sweden? Have it on DVD

Teri Fitzgerald

Claire, that sounds interesting.

Elizabeth Clayton23:58

Oh thank you for that link

Colleen MacDonald23:58

Dawn, what film was that?

Heather Darsie23:58

Here's the BBC program I mentioned:

BLOODY QUEENS LINK

Dawn Hatswell23:58

Claire Help...what was it called you know!

Teri Fitzgerald23:59

Thank you, Heather!

Lorna Wanstall23:59

Lots of people called her son James, the "Wisest fool in Christendom" and he was also know as the "Scottish Soloman" this is a reference to his supposed parentage i.e Mary and Rizzio.. But despite his nicknames, he did at least die in his bed, and didn't suffer the fate of his forebears, or that of his son and successor

Claire Ridgway23:59

You can see the [Bloody Queens programme](https://www.tudorsociety.com/bloody-queens-elizabeth-and-mary-tv-programme/) here in the TS at <https://www.tudorsociety.com/bloody-queens-elizabeth-and-mary-tv-programme/>

Elizabeth Clayton23:59

Thank you for "Bloody Queens."

Claire Ridgway00:00

The Swiss one? [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mary_Queen_of_Scots_\(2013_film\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mary_Queen_of_Scots_(2013_film))

Heather Darsie00:00

Everyone, I must be off shortly. It has been so nice to have this open discussion with all of you about Mary, Queen of Scots!

Dawn Hatswell00:00

That's the boy Claire.. Cheers

Colleen MacDonald00:00

what do people think of Antonia Fraser's book on Mary. Thanks Heather!

Elizabeth Clayton00:01

Thank you so much Heather and everyone. It has been lovely.

Claire Ridgway00:01

I must go too, bed is calling! Thank you so much, Heather, and thank you everyone for joining in. Feel free to carry on chatting if you want to.

Teri Fitzgerald00:01

Thank you Heather! Great chat!

Heather Darsie00:01

Best wishes and good night, everyone!