

The Great Plague: A People's History

by
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Synopsis

Focusing on Britain's peasants, shopkeepers, and other commoners, this history of the deadly Black Plague is a "local account of the countrywide calamity" (The Times). In this intimate history of the extraordinary Black Plague pandemic that swept through the British Isles in 1665, Evelyn Lord focuses on the plague's effects on smaller towns, where every death was a singular blow affecting the entire community. Lord's fascinating reconstruction of life during plague times presents the personal experiences of a wide range of individuals, from historical notables Samuel Pepys and Isaac Newton to common folk who tilled the land and ran the shops. The Great Plague brings this dark era to vivid life—through stories of loss and survival from those who grieved, those who fled, and those who hid to await their fate. Includes maps, photos, and illustrations

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About the Author Evelyn Lord is Emeritus Fellow, Wolfson College, Cambridge. Her previous books include *The Hellfire Clubs* and *The Knights Templar in Britain*. She lives in Cambridge, UK. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title. Review 'Evelyn Lord gives a microscopic, local account of the countrywide calamity, basing it on the most laconic of witnesses.' —Lucy Hughes-Hallett, *The Times* -- Lucy Hughes-Hallett — *The Times* Published On: 2014-04-26--This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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History Buff, "A gruesome time. A fascinating book. More for the expert but full of interesting facts and information."

Ebook Tops Reader, "good read. very detailed and well researched"

Finbaz, "Cambridge during the great plague. This was a very well researched book, well written and containing fascinating details of how the plague affected Cambridge and surrounding areas. Could not put it down."

Mrs M Walters, "Five Stars. very interesting"

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