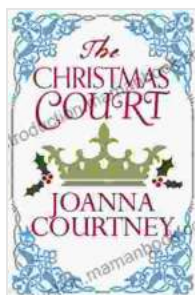


# The Christmas Court: Queens of the Conquest

The Christmas Court is a centuries-old tradition that takes place in England during the twelve days of Christmas, from December 25th to January 5th. The court is presided over by the Lord of Misrule, a figure who is chosen to lead the revelry and mischief that is associated with the holiday season.



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One of the most important figures in the Christmas Court is the Queen of the Conquest. The Queen is chosen from among the young women of the court, and she is responsible for leading the revelers in their games and dances. The Queen is also responsible for overseeing the preparation of the Christmas feast.

The origins of the Christmas Court can be traced back to the Norman Conquest of England in 1066. The Normans brought with them their own traditions and customs, including the celebration of Christmas. The Christmas Court was one of the ways that the Normans celebrated the

holiday, and it quickly became a popular tradition among the English people.

## **The Queens of the Conquest**

The following is a list of the Queens of the Conquest who have presided over the Christmas Court:

- **1066:** Matilda of Flanders
- **1087:** Adelaide of Louvain
- **1100:** Matilda of Scotland
- **1135:** Matilda of Boulogne
- **1154:** Eleanor of Aquitaine
- **1189:** Berengaria of Navarre
- **1227:** Eleanor of Provence
- **1254:** Eleanor of Castile
- **1272:** Eleanor of Montfort
- **1290:** Margaret of France
- **1308:** Isabel of France
- **1328:** Philippa of Hainault
- **1369:** Anne of Bohemia
- **1394:** Isabella of Valois
- **1420:** Catherine of Valois
- **1437:** Margaret of Anjou

- **1461:** Elizabeth Woodville
- **1483:** Anne Neville
- **1485:** Elizabeth of York
- **1503:** Catherine of Aragon
- **1533:** Anne Boleyn
- **1536:** Jane Seymour
- **1540:** Anne of Cleves
- **1540:** Catherine Howard
- **1543:** Catherine Parr
- **1558:** Elizabeth I
- **1603:** Anne of Denmark
- **1625:** Henrietta Maria
- **1662:** Catherine of Braganza
- **1685:** Mary of Modena
- **1689:** Mary II
- **1702:** Anne
- **1714:** Sophia Dorothea of Celle
- **1727:** Caroline of Ansbach
- **1760:** Charlotte of Mecklenburg-Strelitz
- **1820:** Caroline of Brunswick

- **1837:** Victoria
- **1901:** Alexandra of Denmark
- **1910:** Mary of Teck
- **1936:** Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon
- **2022:** Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall

## **The Christmas Court Today**

The Christmas Court is still celebrated today, although it is not as elaborate as it once was. The Lord of Misrule is still chosen, and he leads the revelers in their games and dances. The Queen of the Conquest is also still chosen, and she oversees the preparation of the Christmas feast.

The Christmas Court is a reminder of the rich history and traditions of England. It is a time for celebration and merry-making, and it is a time to reflect on the past and to look forward to the future.

## **Images**

The following images are of the Queens of the Conquest:



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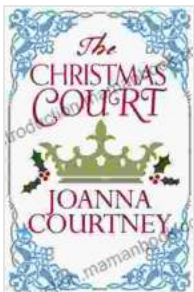
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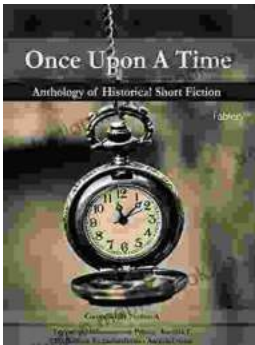
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