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Synopsis

Richard Burton narrates the second volume of this famous dramatic chronicle of the English Crown, a treasure of the BBC radio archive published on CD for the very first time. Vivat Rex is the landmark drama series first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1977. Over the course of 26 installments, each one narrated by Richard Burton with a full cast, the fortunes of the English Crown are followed through 225 years of British history, from Edward II's accession in 1307 to the birth of Elizabeth I. Each drama is adapted by Martin Jenkins from the works of Shakespeare, Marlowe, and their Elizabethan contemporaries. This second volume features the final 13 installments, beginning with Martin Jarvis as Henry V and concluding with the birth of Elizabeth I. Vivat Rex includes a stirring musical score by Christopher Whelen. 13 CDs, 754 minutes

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William Shakespeare and Christopher Marlowe were two of the influential Elizabethan dramatists whose work is now regarded as English Renaissance theater. The other important name is that of Ben Jonson. These playwrights in particular chronicled the history of English kings and queens, through the ages, and it is their work which was drawn upon by producer Martin Jenkins as the basis of the plays in Vivat Rex.

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