Richard III And The Princes In The Tower

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Why the princes in the tower are staying six feet under - The Guardian
The princes in the Tower were the two sons of King Edward IV of England. The elder of the two, Richard III, was the Duke of Gloucester and the younger, Richard Duke of York. Edward IV died in 1483 and the succession to the throne was uncertain.

The Princes in the Tower

No-one – absolutely no-one – knows for sure what happened to the Princes in the Tower. In 1483, Edward V and his brother Richard, Duke of York, were taken by the Duke of Gloucester, their uncle, to the Tower of London and were never seen again.

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Richard III Fan Club turns its attention to who killed the princes in the Tower. There have been many great mysteries in history, perhaps though greater than that of the Princes in the Tower – the two young sons of Edward IV.

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The remains of Richard III were discovered in a car park in Leicester in 2012. The DNA was matched to Richard III and the remains were reburied in Leicester Cathedral in 2015.

Richard III Society

The Richard III Society is a charitable organisation dedicated to researching the life and times of Richard III. They have turned their attention to the mystery of the princes in the Tower. They have gathered evidence from every possible source to try to solve the mystery.

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Richard, depicted by William Shakespeare as a monstrous tyrant who murdered two princes in the Tower of London, died at the Battle of Bosworth Field, defeated by an army led by Henry Tudor. The king's nephews Edward and Richard were kept in the Tower of London, according to history recorded at the time, and 'stifled with pillows by the order of their perfidious uncle Richard the Usurper', according to the inscription on the urn their remains are kept in. Leicester University's Turi King said this week they could take DNA from the princes and match it with Richard III to find Mike believes Richard III chose to kill them in the aftermath of just such an abduction attempt, but I see no sense in choosing that moment, when everyone must have been whipped up into a state of security-consciousness. He also believes the Tudor story that James Tyrell organized the killing; but if so, why did Henry VII wait until 1502 to pin the blame on Tyrell, meanwhile allowing his reign to be jeopardized, and resources squandered, on needlessly combating pretenders? It also analyses the mystery of the Princes in the Tower, examining what people actually said and did at the time of their disappearance, and who profited from their removal.