



# Royal Heritage

The Story of Britain's Royal Builders and Collectors



Queen Elizabeth II owns the finest art collection in the world, amassed by King Henry VIII, George I, George IV, and others, and has an unparalleled collection of jewellery, prints, books, porcelain and even rare stamps.

In addition, the Queen has unique wealth in such buildings as Sandringham and Balmoral. The British monarch is, as one court observer once remarked, "the Rolls Royce of monarchy."

Few people have the opportunity of seeing even a small part of this fairytale collection and unique assembly.

This year, a British Broadcasting Corporation television series enabled millions to get a glimpse of part of this royal heritage. Viewers were given an unprecedented look at the incredible works of art and inside the royal buildings.

A new, substantial and impressive book, "Royal Heritage" by J. H. Plumb and Huw Wheldon, that has been published by the BBC in association with the television series is now available. This book is a truly

memorable work and should be in every library in Canada and also in the personal library of everyone who loves beautiful things.

Here is a magnificent pot pourri of pictures, complemented by a superb text. The quality of the full color plates is exceptionally high. The book is a masterful work and magnificent in scope.

The 360-page book is divided into seven parts, each giving a substantial look at the glory of the Medieval Kings; the Stuarts; the Hanoverians; George VI; Victoria and Albert; and the Twentieth Century.

It is a long time since this reviewer has so thoroughly enjoyed reading a book, and this is a book that will be turned to time and again, it will become an old friend.

"Royal Heritage", the story of Britain's Royal Builders and Collectors, is obtainable in Canada from Methuen Publications, a division of The Carswell Company Ltd. It is priced at \$27.50, a fair price for a gem of a book.