

So what now after Richard III...?

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Maidstone, Kent, UK – February 7, 2012 – After all the excitement over the recent discovery of Richard III, a new Anglo-Saxon historical fiction series aims at putting another missing English king back in the public eye.

Kent, UK author Richard E Goodwin writes: “After Spielberg’s release of the American movie Lincoln, British critics lament why our film industry can’t bring itself to make triumphant, patriotic films like the Americans, which laud our great nation’s past. We have three kings still missing: Alfred the Great, Henry I, and perhaps the most poignant of all, King Harold II, who famously perished at Hastings.”

Goodwin’s new Godric Chronicles series traces Harold’s rise from earl’s son to Edward the Confessor’s second-in-command to king in his own right. He believes Harold’s fabulous story has tremendous relevance to the English today, not only to the traditionalists but for those who have come to make England their new home.

“How many books and films have we suffered on the worn-out fictional themes of King Arthur, Merlin and Robin Hood? Why not cover the greatest story in English history – the events leading up to and including 1066?”

Part 1 of The Godric Chronicles, entitled Le Lion d’Or, is now out. The story is set in central Kent in the year 1042 at the start of Edward the Confessor’s reign, and covers two brothers making the rocky transition from boys to men. The younger, the coward Godric, becomes a chronicler to chart his adventures, intrigues, the unfolding scandals and the kingdom’s eventual fate at the hands of ‘William that Bastard’ in 1066.

At the end of his life (and the series), Godric buries his chronicles to protect his family from England’s brutal new Norman aristocracy. A thousand years later they are dug up in a Yalding sheep field by amazed experts who, for the first time, will experience the Conquest from the view of the vanquished.

A medieval soap opera? “A Saxon Downton,” smiles Goodwin. “A medieval EastEnders. Modern passions seen through ancient eyes with Saving Private Ryan thrown in!”

Book Trailer (<http://youtu.be/egYkk7Mf7h8>)

Visit the book site (www.thegodricchronicles.com)

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