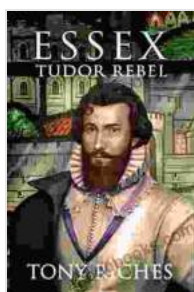


# Essex: Tudor Rebel, Elizabethan Superstar

Robert Devereux, 2nd Earl of Essex, was one of the most charismatic and ambitious noblemen of the Elizabethan era. A close confidant of Queen Elizabeth I, he was a leading figure in the defeat of the Spanish Armada and the suppression of the Irish rebellion. However, his ambition and arrogance eventually led to his downfall, and he was executed for treason in 1601.



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Essex was born in 1566, the son of Walter Devereux, 1st Earl of Essex, and Lettice Knollys. He was a precocious child, and at the age of 12 was sent to Trinity College, Cambridge. He left Cambridge without taking a degree, and instead embarked on a military career. He served in the Netherlands under the Earl of Leicester, and in 1587 was appointed Governor of Tilbury Fort. In this role, he played a key role in the defeat of the Spanish Armada.

After the defeat of the Armada, Essex became a close confidant of Queen Elizabeth I. He was a handsome and charming man, and the Queen was reportedly very fond of him. Essex was also a skilled courtier, and he quickly rose through the ranks of the Elizabethan court. In 1591, he was created Earl of Essex, and in 1596 he was appointed Lord Lieutenant of Ireland.

As Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, Essex was responsible for suppressing the Irish rebellion. He was initially successful, but his arrogance and ambition led him to make a number of mistakes. In 1599, he was recalled to England and placed under house arrest. However, he was soon pardoned by the Queen, and in 1601 he was reappointed as Lord Lieutenant of Ireland.

Essex's second term as Lord Lieutenant of Ireland was even more disastrous than his first. He was defeated by the Irish rebels at the Battle of Yellow Ford, and was forced to retreat to Dublin. In February 1601, he returned to England without permission. The Queen was furious, and Essex was arrested and charged with treason.

Essex was tried and found guilty of treason. He was executed on 25 February 1601, at the age of 34. His execution was a major shock to the Elizabethan court, and it marked the end of an era.

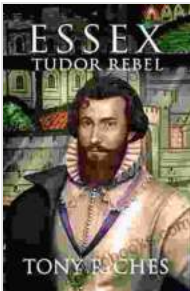
## **Essex's Legacy**

Essex was a complex and controversial figure. He was a charismatic and ambitious man, but his arrogance and ambition ultimately led to his downfall. However, he was also a brave and skilled military commander, and he played a key role in the defeat of the Spanish Armada and the suppression of the Irish rebellion.

Essex's life and death have been the subject of much debate and speculation. Some historians have argued that he was a victim of his own ambition, while others have suggested that he was a scapegoat for the Queen's own failures. Whatever the truth may be, Essex remains one of the most fascinating and enigmatic figures of the Elizabethan era.

## Further Reading

- *Essex: The Rebel Earl* by John Guy
- *The Life and Death of Robert Devereux, Earl of Essex* by Simon Adams
- *Essex: The Elizabethan Enigma* by David Starkey



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