The Bayeux Tapestry Embroiderers' Story

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Who were the embroiderers of the Bayeux Tapestry? What were their tools, their materials, and how could such a massive project have been designed and organised? These questions and many others have been avoided for so long due to a lack of hard facts, but in this book the author has drawn upon her own experience as an embroiderer and artist to piece together all the clues she could find in the tapestry itself. After extensive research, Jan Messent has compiled a fascinating and colourful account which will help to place this famous embroidery in a plausible context. This new study is essential reading for anyone wishing to know more about The Bayeux Tapestry Embroiderers.

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The Bayeux Tapestry is not actually a tapestry at all - it is an embroidery! Coloured wool was used to embroider important scenes which led up to the Norman invasion of England and the Battle at Hastings in 1066. The Bayeux tapestry consists of eight long strips of unbleached linen which have been sewn together to form a continuous panel - this linen forms the background of the Bayeux tapestry. The Bayeux tapestry is about 20 inches high and 230 feet long. The exact length of the original tapestry is unknown as the final panel is incomplete. Bishop Odo would have chosen the most skilled embroiderers for the task of creating the Bayeux Tapestry. The most talented embroiderers of the period were the noble Saxon women who had chosen to spend their life in a nunnery, or convent. The Bayeux Tapestry Embroiderers’ Story book tells the story of how the tapestry was made. Chapters cover the designer of the tapestry, the embroiderers, the technique, problems and the borders. Each chapter is accompanied by many hand drawn colour pictures. This is not a book showing pictures of the tapestry but a book exploring the tapestry’s journey. History - The Bayeux Tapestry quantity. Add to cart.