

A review of Henry VI: Blood and Roses

King Henry V is dead! His son, Henry VI, is crowned king. The only problem with this is that Henry VI isn't a very good ruler. He is extremely religious and a pacifist, to the point that he doesn't take any action against his foes. Couple this with an escalating feud between two political parties; the red roses and the white roses, and all is not well. Seeking to resolve the conflict, young king Henry VI (rather stupidly) takes a red rose and pins it to his coat. This of course makes the problem worse, and the members of the court begin dropping like flies.

I will not give that much away, but I will tell you this: it has earned the right to be called a tragedy. By the end Henry VI, his son and pretty much everybody else are dead. It ends as the deformed (and rather demented) Richard prepares to slay his brothers and anyone else who stands in his way so that he can ascend to the throne.

I really enjoyed this play and thoroughly recommend it (if you aren't easily disturbed).