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great heiress while only  
an infant. Her childhood  
is lived in echoing  
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is lonely and  
vulnerable: everyone at  
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to be her guardian and  
to engineer an  
advantageous alliance  
through marriage to her.  
By the age of thirteen,  
she has married twice  
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fourteenth century and  
Katherine was renowned  
for her beauty and  
regarded as enigmatic,  
intriguing and even  
dangerous by some of her

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position within the  
English monarchy. She  
was the mother of the  
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as lovers; until they  
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Mary. But first they were

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Henry IV (1399-1413),

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the son of John of  
Gaunt, duke of  
Lancaster, seized the  
English throne at the  
age of thirty-two from  
his cousin Richard II  
and held it until his

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death, aged forty-five,  
when he was succeeded by  
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overlooked in favor of his illustrious progeny. Henry faced the usual problems of usurpers: foreign wars, rebellions, and plots, as well as the ambitions

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and demands of the Lancastrian retainers who had helped him win the throne. By 1406 his rule was broadly established, and although he became ill

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