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addition the story from the viking invasion of lindisfarne until william s crossing of the channel and events leading up to william s death have been included to provide context to our main story the sequence of events told here relies upon the several historic accounts and the placing of events carefully matching them to the terrain described there with the topography of the area a painstaking process of trial and error to accurately place the battle site on blackhorse hill the author has made use of satellite imagery not previously available to earlier authors on the battle to confirm the location of the old cinque port of hastings first proposed by nick austin in his secrets of the norman invasion the site of duke williams s pre battle camp the author has analyzed the relative distances from the old port to the battle abbey site and the blackhorse hill site to eliminate the former and confirm the latter as far as is known no one has ever considered the blackhorse hill site before and it is hoped that this will inspire researchers to expand upon these findings this work has been selected by scholars as being culturally important and is part of the knowledge base of civilization as we know it this work was reproduced from the original artifact and remains as true to the original work as possible therefore you will see the original copyright references library stamps as most of these works have been housed in our most important libraries around the world and other notations in the work this work is in the public domain in the united states of america and possibly other nations within the united states you may freely copy and distribute this work as no entity individual or corporate has a copyright on the body of the work as a reproduction of a historical artifact this work may contain missing or blurred pages poor pictures errant marks etc scholars believe and we concur that this work is important enough to be preserved reproduced and made generally available to the public we appreciate your support of the preservation process and thank you for being an important part of keeping this knowledge alive and relevant features an account of the battle of hastings in 1066 compiled by john schneider recounts the battle between english king harold ii c 1022 1066 and duke william of normandy c 1028 1087 which resulted in william becoming king of england upon harold s death in battle the story of the battle of hastings by the acclaimed author of a hollow crown arrow random house two men one kingdom one crown this is the story of the men and women involved in the tide of events that led to a battlefield near hastings in 1066 endorsed by bernard cornwell sharon penman and elizabeth chadwick this is the story of the two greatest warriors of their generation both trained in armed combat when edward the confessor dies without leaving an heir to the throne of england the two men fight for the crown in a bloody battle that will change the course of english history forever

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