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At the end of her reign, the Queen's full style and title were: "Her Majesty Victoria, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland Queen, Defender of the Faith, Empress of India." She lived another four decades, however, and saw the British Empire reach its apogee. When she died in 1901, she had held the throne for sixty-three years, longer than any other British monarch. Queen Victoria and the British Empire is a vivid portrait of this brilliant period and the queen who gave her name to an era. Book jacket. Queen Victoria restored the reputation of the British monarchy tarnished by the extravagance of her royal uncles. Moreover, to protect markets from European competitors, it became necessary for Britain to take territorial control in order to discourage interest from other nations. Further Reading The Second Empire - From Queen and Empress Victoria to Queen Elizabeth II