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Working with the BBC, Neil MacGregor, the Director of the British Museum, has launched a downright smart project. A History of the World in 100 Objects uses important pieces from the museum's collections to recount the long history of humanity. Throughout the year, the serialized radio program will air 100 episodes, each averaging 15 minutes, and they will cover two million years of human innovation and artistic creation. Below, I've included a recent episode that revisits the Olduvai hand axe, a tool invented some 1.2 million years ago that proved vital to human evolution and our mi
But, though the book is a truly gorgeous product, the pictures themselves are nicely discreet, each object shown against a plain black background, flattering even to the Rosetta Stone, without being flashy or dominating the text. The only one I could have done without is the illustration of the nasty, pebble-shaped thing known as the Ain Sakhri Lovers figurine. Although MacGregor does not labour the point, A History of the World in 100 Objects is also a eulogy of museums. Forget the old idea of the museum as a mausoleum (captured in Thomas Hardy's dreadful doggerel "Christmas in the Elgin Room" â€“ in which the marbles themselves complain of "being brought to the gloom/Of this dark room"). See more ideas about History books, Story books and Book cover design. A History of the World in 100 Objects.. programme first on BBC Radio then turned into book. very very popular. bob mairs. History Books. The Children of Henry VIII|Paperback. Lady Elizabeth Anne Boleyn Mary Boleyn Second Wife Lady Mary Tudor History History Books European History British History. The Children of Henry VIII-At his death in 1547, King Henry VIII left four heirs to the English throne: his only son, the nine-year-old Prince Edward; the Lady Mary, the adult daughter of his first wife Katherine of Aragon; the Lady Elizabeth, the teenage daughter of his second wife Anne Boleyn; and