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The Turbulent Crown: The Story Of The Tudor Queens



Synopsis

Ten remarkable women. One remarkable era. In the Tudor period, 1485â€“1603, a host of fascinating women sat on the English throne. The dramatic events of their lives are told in *The Turbulent Crown: The Story of the Tudor Queens of England*. *The Turbulent Crown* begins with the story of Elizabeth of York, who survived conspiracy, murder, and dishonour to become the first Tudor Queen, bringing peace and order to England after years of civil war. From there, the reader is taken through the parade of Henry VIII's six wives - two of whom, Anne Boleyn and Katheryn Howard, would lose their heads against a backdrop of intrigue and scandal. *The Turbulent Crown* continues with the tragedy of Lady Jane Grey, the teenager who ruled for nine days until overthrown by her cousin Mary Tudor. But Mary's reign, which began in triumph, ended in disaster, leading to the emergence of her sister, Elizabeth I, as the greatest of her family and of England's monarchs.

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Biographies of the Tudor Age often focus on a particular time period, so we usually only get half of the story...we rarely see the period told as a whole, bookended by the Elizabeths, mother and daughter to that enigmatic Tudor King. Roland Hui has created that grand scheme for us in this

compulsively readable tome. Each Queen's biography flows into the next seamlessly and I found myself devouring each and every one. Hui's style is very accessible, so anyone with even a passing interest in the era could get sucked in, but there were still plenty of tasty morsels in there for seasoned history buffs. In fact, I found several tidbits that I had never seen before, though I have been studying the period for nearly a decade. The thing that I loved most about this book is that it's what I would call a narrative biography. It's non-fiction, but it reads like a novel. The footnotes are even set up in the back so that your eyes aren't drawn away from the text. The style is very similar to Julia Fox, who happens to be one of my all-time favorite historians. Great, great read! You won't be disappointed!

I have read many books on this genre. This is by far the best and most concise. Highly recommended. Loved it.

I could hardly put this "book" down to take a break from reading. Very enjoyable but also pointed to how mean royalty could be to anyone that could bruise their egos or appear as a threat. Murder was extremely gruesome. Life appears to have little value. Women were viewed as baby producers only. Even with Elizabeth men always second guessed her decisions. Despite these comments, the content was worth reading.

fun read about some "Turbulent" ladies!

Crisp, clear writing. Authoritative and interesting. Truly covers everything you need to know about the Tudor queens

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