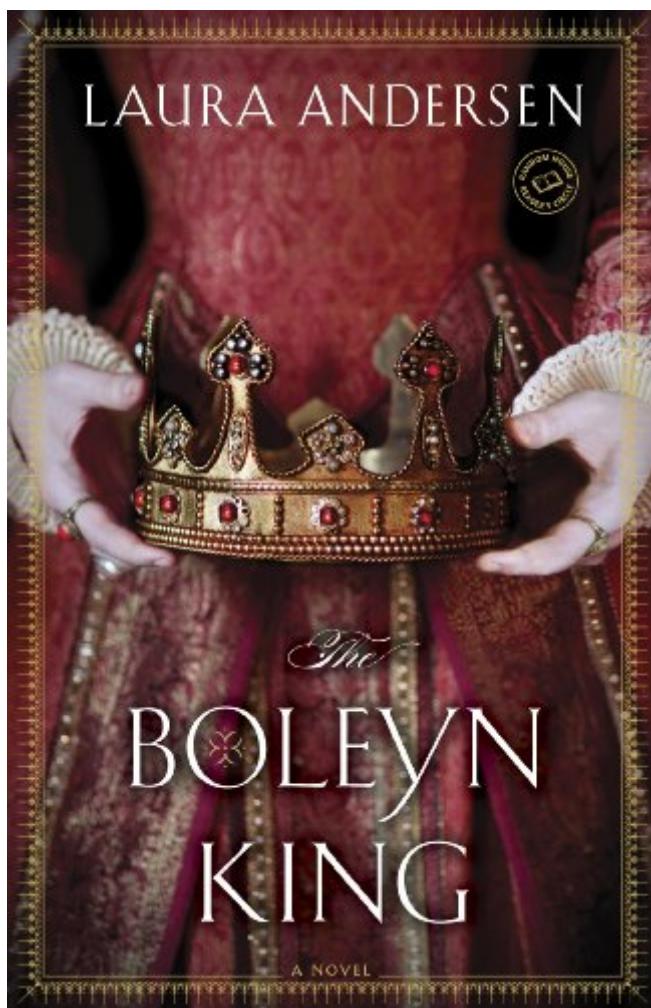


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The Boleyn King: A Novel (The Boleyn Trilogy Book 1)



Synopsis

NAMED ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY RT BOOK REVIEWS

Perfect for fans of Philippa Gregory, Alison Weir, and Showtime's *The Tudors*, *The Boleyn King* is the first book in an enthralling trilogy that dares to imagine: What if Anne Boleyn had actually given Henry VIII a son who grew up to be king? Just seventeen years old, Henry IX, known as William, is a king bound by the restraints of the regency yet anxious to prove himself. With the French threatening battle and the Catholics sowing the seeds of rebellion at home, William trusts only three people: his older sister Elizabeth; his best friend and loyal counselor, Dominic; and Minuette, a young orphan raised as a royal ward by William's mother, Anne Boleyn. Against a tide of secrets, betrayal, and murder, William finds himself fighting for the very soul of his kingdom. Then, when he and Dominic both fall in love with Minuette, romantic obsession looms over a new generation of Tudors. One among them will pay the price for a king's desire, as a shocking twist of fate changes England's fortunes forever.

Includes a preview of Laura Andersen's *The Boleyn Deceit*

Praise for *The Boleyn King*

“Imaginative . . . Andersen focuses on creating an exciting, action-driven plot containing strong doses of both intrigue and romance. Tudor-era historical fiction fans who are willing to accept the unusual premise will be rewarded with an original and entertaining read that’s reminiscent of the best of Philippa Gregory.”

•Library Journal (starred review)

“Gripping . . . Andersen delves into an alternative Tudor England geared to rivet period fans and newcomers alike. . . . Perfect for Philippa Gregory fans.”

•Booklist (starred review)

“A surprising gem and a thoroughly enjoyable read.”

•Historical Novels Review

“Andersen’s novel, alive with historical flair and drama, satisfies both curious and imaginative Tudor aficionados. . . . Her multidimensional characters are so real that readers will wish it was history and eagerly await the next in the trilogy.”

•RT Book Reviews (Top Pick)

“A wonderfully imaginative and well-written tale of intrigue, high court politics and desperate love.”

•Deseret News

“What if . . .”

With these tantalizing words, Laura Andersen creates a fresh and vividly realized alternative world where Anne Boleyn not only lives, but also gives birth to a healthy son who will become King. With the introduction of Minuette, Princess Elizabeth's lady-in-waiting, we meet an extraordinary young woman who embodies love and loyalty, and who fights to find the humanity at the heart of the most glamorous—and dangerous—court in Europe.

•Susan Elia MacNeal, author of *Mr. Churchill's Secretary*

“Full of intrigue, conspiracies, and the accurate details so essential to good historical fiction . . . Anyone who has even the slightest

fascination with the Tudors will want to devour this delectable novel in a single sitting. —Tasha Alexander, New York Times bestselling author of Death in the Floating City

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Customer Reviews

While reading history or more fact oriented historical fiction I have often wished the story of Henry VIII would not have played out as it did. This story is based on the "what if..." premise that Anne Boleyn was Henry VIII second and last wife and gave him a viable son. Anne becomes queen and the son eventually becomes king, but it is far from happily ever after. The court is still a pit of wipers rife with conflict and scandal. I plan to read the other two books in the series. The first book seems to indicate that the alternative history will merge into more factual history with Elizabeth becoming queen. I can't wait to find out how it will all unfold.

I would actually give this one a 3 1/2. Not great writing, but that's not the point. Intriguing premise, engaging characters, well rendered dialogue.

The author began with a fascinating premise: what if Anne Boleyn had given Henry VIII the son he wanted? As far as I know, no one has done this before, and that alone makes it worth reading for any lover of Tudor history and fiction. While the writing was a bit uneven, the story held my attention, and made me very curious about what will come next. I'm really enjoying this version of Elizabeth Tudor, even though she's not the main character.

I was really excited about this book when I read the description. Historical fiction is fiction after all, so why not change it up. Ann Boleyn and her family rocked the entire world. Before all the Tudor books and movies, she is best remembered for losing her head by most people. This actually takes it to a whole new level. Had she lived, how would she and her brother influenced the throne? Though it read a bit like a teen drama, I did enjoy seeing what Andersen's imagination could do with young William(Henry 1X), his sister Elizabeth and all the other people tangled up in the web of intrigue of the Tudor court.

It's entertaining to read a story about "what if?" What if Queen Anne had had a son? I can't wait for the next one!

Love reading about the Tudor era (King Henry the 8th) What a great way to get history in a fictional manor. A must read.

I really enjoyed this book. I would recommend it for anyone who likes romance, drama and enjoys historical novels.

Descriptive and imaginable read with well done plot line! The historical content lends itself nicely to the author's weaved fictional story. Easy to read and follow with believable characters. It's hard to imagine Anne Boleyn as an aged woman, but the author does a fantastic job of answering "what if...?"

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