

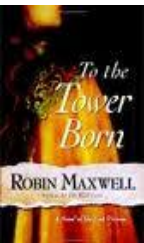
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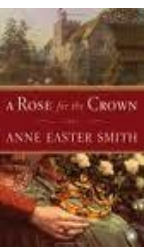
THE TUDOR ROSE: THE STORY OF THE QUEEN WHO UNITED A KINGDOM AND BIRTHED A DYNASTY | Margaret Campbell Barnes

FIG
The marriage of Henry VII to Elizabeth, daughter of Edward IV, united the warring Houses of Lancaster and York. Thus, the White rose of York and Red Rose of Lancaster formed the perfect Tudor Rose. Barnes creates a vivid portrayal of a courageous woman and a remarkable queen.



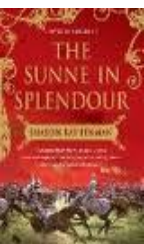
TO THE TOWER BORN | Robin Maxwell

FIG
Maxwell challenges the long held notion that Princes Edward and Richard were killed in the Tower of London by King Richard III. The year is 1483, Edward IV is on the throne but his reign is threatened by Henry Tudor and his mother, the indomitable Margaret Beaufort. Seen through the eyes of the young Princess Bessie of the House of York and her friend Nell Caxton, this tumultuous period rife with wars, beheadings, plots and counterplots comes vividly to life.



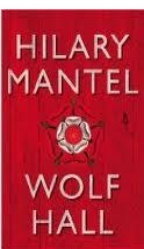
A ROSE FOR THE CROWN | Anne Easter-Smith

FIG
Inspired by the records of the illegitimate children of Richard III, Easter's debut novel features Kate Bywood, the lover of Richard III. Romance is intertwined with the deadly rivalries of the contenders for the throne of England. Richard III, demonized throughout history for the death of his nephews, fares better when featured with the admirable Kate.



THE SUNNE IN SPLENDOR: A NOVEL OF RICHARD III | Sharon Kay Penman

FIG
Historically vilified Richard III receives kinder treatment from Sharon Kay Penman in this finely wrought novel. Combining research and storytelling, Richard emerges as a loyal brother, a moralist who protests the murders of court rivals, and finally the protector not the murderer of the Princes in the Tower. Richy detailed in 973 pages, it's a long enjoyable read.



WOLF HALL | Hilary Mantel

FIG, CD
Mantel fictionalizes the life and times of Thomas Cromwell, Henry VIII's go to man for all the dirty work behind the throne. Cromwell masterminded Henry's annulment from Catherine, the execution of Thomas Moore and the schism with the church. Lauded for his loyalty and brilliance, Cromwell fares considerably better than the sainted Thomas Moore.



THE SISTERS WHO WOULD BE QUEEN: MARY, KATHERINE, AND LADY JANE GREY: A TUDOR TRAGEDY | Leanda de Lisle

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Lady Jane Grey, the nine day queen, was beheaded for treason. Grand-nieces of Henry VIII, the surviving sisters were eventually imprisoned for marrying without the Queen's consent. Meticulously researched and very readable de Lisle brings to life these overlooked women of Tudor England.



SECRETS OF THE TUDOR COURT | Kate Emerson

FIG
Pleasure Palace is the first in a series that depicts everyday life in the Tudor Court. This first book features Jane Popyncourt, a member of Henry's court who is raised with the royal children. Book two, *Between Two Queens*, features Nan Bassett, Maid of Honor to Jane Seymour. The third installment of the series, *By Royal Decree*, features Bess Brooke, a lady-in waiting during the twilight years of Henry's court

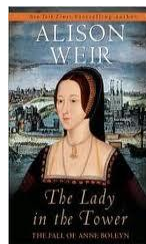
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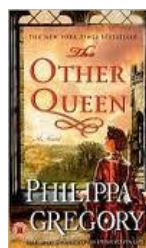
THE LADY ELIZABETH | Alison Weir

FIG, LP
Weir provides a vivid account of the early life of Elizabeth I. Upon the execution of her mother Anne Boleyn, Henry strips his three year old daughter of the title of Princess and downgrades her to the status of Lady. Elizabeth was always surrounded by uncertainty and danger but overcomes all the strife in her early years to become one of England's greatest rulers.



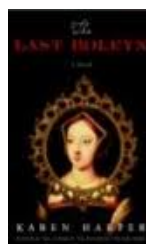
THE LADY IN THE TOWER: THE FALL OF ANNE BOLEYN | Alison Weir

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In this thoroughly readable biography, Weir focuses on Anne's final months imprisoned in the Tower of London. Through exhaustive research, Weir manages to present new theories on the downfall of the doomed queen. Weir examines the possibility that Anne was innocent of the charges of adultery and high treason. Hated throughout Catholic Europe, Boleyn's inability to produce a male heir and her zeal for religious reform propelled court rivals to bring Anne to trial and ultimate execution. 15 pages of color illustrations.



THE OTHER QUEEN | Philippa Gregory

FIG, LP, CD, Cass
Gregory regales the neglected years of the ill-fated Mary, Queen of Scots. After a narrow escape from the Scottish Rebels, Mary is purportedly protected by her cousin Queen Elizabeth. Mary is ordered to live with Earl of Shrewsbury and his indomitable wife, Bess of Hardwick. Mary's plots to seize the throne are complicated by the earl's admiration of her, his wife's jealousy and the constant drain of their finances as they struggle to house a queen.



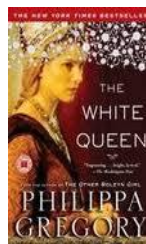
THE LAST BOLEYN | Karen Harper

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Harper chronicles the rise and fall of the powerful Boleyn family. Older sister Mary is featured highlighting her early years at the French court, her affair with Henry VIII, and the palace intrigue that whirled about the Boleyn family. Surrounded by greed, lust for power, religious posturing, adultery and beheadings, Mary finds a place for herself after the death of her sister, father and brother.



THE OTHER BOLEYN GIRL | Philippa Gregory

FIG, CD, CASS, DVD
Told through the eyes of Mary Boleyn, Gregory chronicles the tragic lives of Anne, Mary and George Boleyn. Before Henry VIII sought an annulment from his first wife Katherine, he had a long affair with sister Mary. She bore him a son and a daughter. Anne, the more calculating and ambitious sister, stepped in and held Henry at bay until marriage was promised. Brother George was all too willing to help keep Anne on the throne. Their devotion to each other ends in tragic results for Anne and George. Mary eventually finds happiness with husband William Stafford providing a thread of contentment to the story.



THE WHITE QUEEN & THE RED QUEEN | Philippa Gregory

FIG, LP, CD
Set against the backdrop of the War of the Roses, these companion books feature rival families fighting to claim the throne of England. The *White Queen* is the fictionalized biography of Elizabeth Woodville, Queen consort to Edward IV (1440-1485). Gregory brings to life the first commoner to become a queen. *The Red Queen* features Margaret Beaufort (1443-1509), mother of Henry VII, grandmother of Henry VIII. Extremely pious, Margaret believed that God destined her for greatness.



INNOCENT TRAITOR: A NOVEL OF LADY JANE GREY | Alison Weir

FIG, LP, CD
Weir's first novel profiles the life of England's nine day queen. Caught in a web of deceptions perpetrated by her scheming parents, Jane Grey is sentenced to death at the tender age of 16. Told through the viewpoints of Jane Grey, her nanny, parents and others, Weir brings Jane Grey vividly to life.

