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Sex. If there was one thing the Tudors did well, it was sex!

Sex and beheading traitors; although rarely at the same time.

With well over one hundred years on the throne, the Tudor dynasty experienced its fair share of sex scandals. This book looks at some of the more interesting and significant ones and explores the issues around them in a fun, non heavy way.

Among the Tudor sex scandals covered :

The near disastrous relationship between a fourteen-year old Tudor princess and her stepmother's handsome new husband. The relationship that could have left the future virgin queen with child.

The lust and spellbinding stupidity of a teenage queen and one of the Tudor king's most trusted men.

The clandestine marriage between the king's sister and his best friend. But was it really all Henry VIII's idea to get his hands on a fortune?

How the heir presumptive to the English throne defied the queen and managed to get with child while prisoner in the Tower of London.

The teenage mistress that captivated Henry VIII for far longer than five of his queens.

The most infamous sex scandal of the Tudor age. The scandal that common sense tells us didn't happen, but left the scaffold awash with blood.

This is a little book that you can enjoy in your lunch hour. If you find you enjoy it you can read some heavier volumes by other authors in the future.

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Laura Greenwood says

First thing to point out, this is not fiction, this is about real, proved sex scandals and the facts, with a certain amount of speculation.

I don't normally read non-fiction like this but thought I'd give it a go, and I'm glad I did, it was really interesting and amazing how much is actually known about some of them! If you're interested in Tudor England then this is definitely a book to read.

It covers the following scandals, in short, easy to read chapters:

The royal virgin and the admiral (the supposed affair between the future Elizabeth I and the Seymour husband of her step-mother, Catherine Parr)

To crown a nymphomaniac (Katherine Howard and Thomas Culpepper...oh wait...and Francis Dereham and Henry Mannox)

How to misplace a marriage (the secret - and now unproved - marriage of Catherine Grey, the heir apparent, and Edward Seymour that resulted in 2 children)

About the throne the thunder rolls (the, probably untrue, scandal that brought about the downfall of Anne Boleyn)

The roses' defiance of the King (the marriage of Charles Brandon, Duke of Suffolk, and Princess Mary, without the permission of the King, in Paris, in secret)

The most beautiful couple in Europe (the relationship between Henry VIII and Bessie Blount)

As mentioned, I found the book interesting and informative, well worth a read if this is an area which you have an interest in.

Laura Greenwood says

Review published on June 6th on <http://a-reader-lives-a-thousand-live...>

This is the sequel to Fifty Shades of Lady Catherine Grey, also by T S Wiseman. Included are chapters on; Incestuous Pleasures (Richard III and Elizabeth of York), The least of all the court (Lady Mary Grey), Sorcery and Sex, the great whore and the two Kings (Mary Boleyn), The playwright's love triangle (involving Shakespeare), Adultery and Murder (Elizabeth I and Robert Dudley), The noble lady an the prior, and All the King's mistresses (Henry VIII).

The thing I liked about this book, and Fifty Shades of Lady Catherine Grey, was that though it is a non-fiction book about people that really lived, it is based on rumours and makes no issue of the fact. At the beginning of each chapter or story the author writes a scenario that could have happened, though ultimately is a work of fiction, and from there goes on to explain why what has been written has been. The book makes no conclusions about what really happened, leaving you to make your own mind up, yet at the same time it is obvious to discern what the author thinks.

It's very easy to read, because the detail is less important there is less emphasis on it from the author, meaning that the text is light as opposed to heavy going. Though it is worth noting that there is mature content, as the title suggests. Even the title itself is clever (or at least I think so), playing on the, quite frankly, infamous Grey family as well as the popular 'mummy porn' book Fifty Shades of Grey.

I really hope that the author brings out another one! Though I'm not too sure what they could call it considering the only Grey sister left is Jane, and her scandal was of a more treasonous sort!

For anyone even remotely interested in Tudor History, this is a must-read!

Joanie says

This is a fun and interesting read. The author is good to denote the fact that the book is meant to be light, as there are arguably some very questionable assumptions made in some of the stories when compared to more academic books on the subjects. Still, it is an entertaining read and will likely spark an interest to read more on the various characters from this time period in England's history.

Erin says

Manages to be at once totally cliché whilst, at points, completely wrong, which is the only impressive thing about it.

George Boleyn the homosexual nymphomaniac is alive and well here. Philippa Gregory's "George's penis is rolled in to impregnate his desperate sister" theory is plumbbed. Elizabeth I's bastard children are inferred in droves.

I can't even be witty any more. The two main irritants for me:

1. Mark Smeaton wasn't physically tortured. It was commented upon, precisely because so many had assumed he had been. He appeared at his trial and execution seemingly fit and well. His "rack-broken body" was not dragged up to the executioner's block. He was strangely given the mercy of an execution, as opposed to the 'quartering' that a commoner like he was should have received - likely this was his coercion, and he didn't have to be physically beaten into confessing, just mentally pressured by the thought of a much more horrific death.
2. Jane Rochford didn't testify against her husband and sister-in-law. That is a total fabrication. It was an unnamed "Lady In Waiting" that *allegedly* reported the incest. It was highly unlikely to have been Jane. Jane even wrote to Henry VIII begging for clemency towards her husband. She seemed to have enjoyed a good relationship with her sister-in-law, the queen. If we're speculating, it was probably Charles Brandon that came up with the allegation of incest, as Anne had - years before - rather spitefully accused him of fornicating with his own daughter.

Generally speaking there are quite a few typos; the names of some of the major players are wrong; some

clunky turns of phrase. Not worth the £1.91, I returned it for a refund, please heed my warning to look elsewhere. Inaccurate information, clumsily presented.

Nikki says

The writing was not that great, lots of misspelled words, words left out, etc. But the author was pretty clear that this was meant to be just a fun, quick read and it should be taken as much. If you already know most of the scandals surrounding King Henry VIII then I would say don't waste your time. There is nothing new in this book. However, if you are just delving into it, it might be an okay introduction.

Cheri Arbuckle says

This is a fast read. Literally. You could probably read the whole book on a lunch hour. It was a little too fast for my taste. It was meant to touch on just the highlights of these scandals and it certainly did that. But a little more meat to it would've been nice.

Lisa Puckett says

What a fun easy read. It's great if you love the Tudor time period and the fictional stories written about it.

Tamara says

When history meets the National Enquirer, and further proof that any attention from Henry VIII was a bad thing.

Victoria says

This is a very short book based on a few scandals surrounding the courts of Henry VIII and Elizabeth I. I couldn't really describe it as either fact or fiction. It really doesn't fit in to either category. There are lots of grammar and spelling errors within the short text which I found grated on me. The details given aren't particularly accurate however it does very slightly outline the better known "sex scandals" of the Tudor period.

I'm glad I didn't pay for it (I borrowed it from the kindle lending library).

dorothea harris says

Loved

Loved reading stories like this. I consider a little bit of old fashion gossip..scandalous....love reading about the royal families who think they are above everyone else but their private lives are just like common people..

Terrie says

A quick easy read, but it relies more on rumour than facts to make its case. Nothing is backed with evidence making this little use to anybody wanting a serious history of sex scandals in the Tudor court.

Mac Daly says

Before Christian Grey, there was Catherine Grey and her randy Tudor relatives. The stories are true and the names have not been changed because no one was innocent.

Marilyn says

It was a different take on history. But amusing.

Marci says

Nothing too exciting.... And nothing we don't all know already! A quick read
