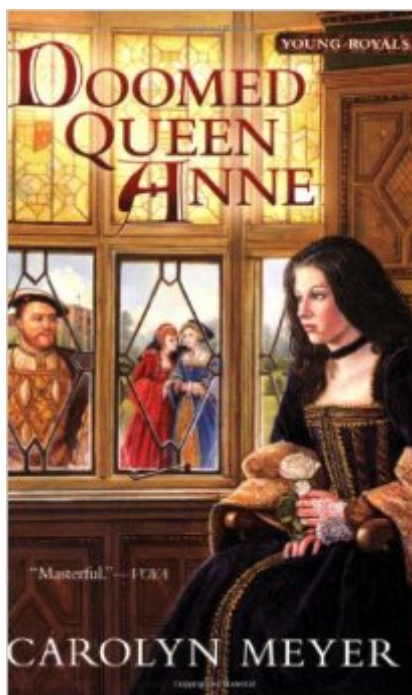


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Doomed Queen Anne: A Young Royals Book



Synopsis

Though born without great beauty, wealth, or title, Anne Boleyn blossomed into a captivating woman. She used her wiles to win the heart of England's most powerful man, King Henry VIII, and persuade him to defy everyone--including his own wife--to make her his new queen. But Anne's ambition was her fatal flaw. This is the true story of the girl everyone loved to hate. Carolyn Meyer's engrossing third novel in the award-winning Young Royals series tells Anne's fascinating story in her own voice--from her life as an awkward girl to the dramatic moments before her death.

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Customer Reviews

The setting begins in the year 1520. Anne Boleyn vowed that one day she would be queen. She has a difficult childhood for being the black sheep in the family. Her sixth finger and dark mole are shown as signs of evil. She especially has a hard time with her older sister Mary and declares that one day her sister will have to kneel before her. And she does just about everything to make that happen. She sees the golden opportunity when she becomes Queen Catherine's lady-in-waiting and Henry VIII's mistress. When Queen Catherine fails to give him a son, Henry soon gets rid of her and his first-born daughter Mary (this happens in the first Young Royals book called Mary, Bloody

Mary) and marries Anne. Now Anne Boleyn has finally achieved her objective: she has become the Queen of England. But how long will her good fortune last? When she gets pregnant, only one concern comes to mind, will the child be a boy? There are various twists throughout the novel. I have read my fair share of fictional historical biographies centered on the Tudor dynasty, namely Anne Boleyn, for she seems to be the most interesting one of Henry VIII's wives. Some have been good while others have lacked some creativity. We all know that she becomes Henry VIII's second wife by not so honest means and is beheaded for supposedly cheating on her husband (though historians have always speculated over whether the real reason was that she was unable to give him his ever-desired heir). This third book in the Young Royals series is a wonderful installment that paints an interesting picture of Anne Boleyn. Meyer manages to make Anne a three-dimensional character and not just some scheming villainess like in some of the books I've read.

The book I read was called *Doomed Queen Anne*, by Carolyn Meyer. The story is based upon the life of Anne Boleyn, leading to her death. Her childhood was a hard one, especially being the ill-favored child in the family. Her sister, Mary was very well favored. This caused Anne to have a lot of jealousy. The story leads on to tell about Anne's life in the Netherlands and in France in the courts of Archduchess Margaret and Queen Claude. When Anne was sent back to England later, she became a lady in waiting to Queen Catherine of Aragon. Anne was hated in Catherine's eyes because Anne's sister was a favorite of King Henry the VIII. Catherine took out her great displeasure on Anne. Anne could bear it no longer. Her jealousy erupted and vowed to take the place of Mary as a great favorite of the King, and she said to Mary that one day she would become Queen and Mary would kneel before their feet. As a different type of lady with dark looks, she used her French skills, ambition, and her singularity to win the King's heart. Finally, the King asked Anne's hand in marriage, but the King had to divorce Catherine. Finally, after six long and frustrating years, Anne had finally achieved what she vowed to do, become Queen. The last thing she had to do was to bear the King a son. This she could not do. Once she had born a daughter and not a son, the King made false claims against Anne for treasonous acts. She was convicted and sentenced to death. Anne was betrayed but she died boldly as she had lived. *Doomed Queen Anne* was a wonderful book. I've read it six times. This book really sparked my interest in Tudor History, and it gave me the urge to read other books like it. I liked the way it told the story through someone else's eyes and the amount of emotion.

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