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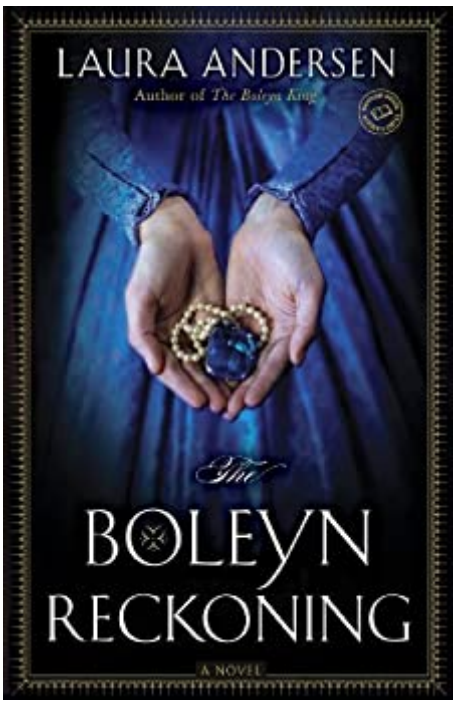

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Synopsis

Perfect for fans of Philippa Gregory and Alison Weir, The Boleyn Reckoning heralds the triumphant conclusion of Laura AndersenÃ¢â ¬â„¢s enthralling trilogy about the Tudor king who never was: the son of Henry VIII and Anne BoleynÃ¢â ¬â •Henry IXÃ¢â ¬â •who, along with his sisters and those he holds most dear, approaches a dangerous crossroads. Ã Â The Tudor royal family has barely survived a disastrous winter. Now English ships and soldiers prepare for the threat of invasion. But William TudorÃ¢â ¬â •known as Henry IXÃ¢â ¬â •has his own personal battles to attend to. He still burns for Minuette, his longtime friend, but she has married WilliamÃ¢â ¬â„¢s trusted advisor, Dominic, in secretÃ¢â ¬â •an act of betrayal that puts both their lives in danger. Princess Elizabeth, concerned over her brotherÃ¢â ¬â„¢s erratic, vengeful behavior, imperils her own life by assembling a shadow court in an effort to protect England. With war on the horizon, Elizabeth must decide where her duty lies: with her brother or her country. Her choice could forever change the course of history.Praise for The Boleyn Reckoning Ã Â Ã¢â ¬Å“Powerful . . . action, intrigue, star-crossed lovers, and all the drama period fans have come to expect . . . Fans should remain satisfied with the thrilling finale-for-now.Ã¢â ¬Â•Ã¢â ¬â •BooklistLook for special features inside. Join the Random House ReaderÃ¢â ¬â„¢s Circle for author chats and more. LAURA ANDERSENÃ¢â ¬â„¢S NOVELS ABOUT THE IMAGINED SON OF HENRY VIII and ANNE BOLEYN ARE:Ã Â Ã¢â ¬Å“excellent . . . quick-pacedÃ¢â ¬Â• Ã¢â ¬â •Booklist (starred review) Ã¢â ¬Â¢ Ã¢â ¬Å“delectable and full of intrigueÃ¢â ¬Â• Ã¢â ¬â •New York Times bestselling author Tasha Alexander Ã¢â ¬Â¢ Ã¢â ¬Å“impossible to put downÃ¢â ¬Â• Ã¢â ¬â •award-winning author Stefanie PintoffFrom the Trade Paperback edition.

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Customer Reviews

Some Spoilers included:I was looking forward to the third and final book in the trilogy about fictional Tudor times, The Boleyn Reckoning by Laura Anderson and I found the book well worth waiting for. It is a what if book, had Anne Boleyn's miscarried son had gone to term, what would have happened to British history. William Tudor, who has taken the title Henry IX is ruler of England and his sister Elizabeth is Prince of Wales--and William and Elizabeth interact with historical characters: Mary Tudor, Lady Jane Grey, Robert Dudley, Philip of Spain----the reader wonders what will happen next. In addition to William the other main protagonists are Dominic Courtney and his wife Minuette (a secret marriage). William wants the secretly married Minuette to be his royal bride which brings about disastrous consequences for the young couple.William is a fascinating character--his bout with smallpox somehow brought out his dark side. And circumstances regarding his relationship with his best friend Dominic and Minuette, the woman he loves brings about rather dark behavior. There is some violence connected with William's actions and decrees including executions and violence.The fates of some of the historic characters change radically--perhaps Mary Tudor's fate is the most startling and difficult to believe considering that she was a part of the Habsburg family and a granddaughter of Ferdinand and Isabella of Spain and her family would would have moved heaven and earth to protect her--and perhaps smuggle her out of England. It is doubtful that the formidable Mary could not have held her own against a William Tudor . If the writer wanted to keep her from being a threat to Elizabeth's succession--she could have died of natural causes. Lady Jane Grey has a key role in William's life but some of her actions are out of character of how the real Jane would have acted. Another historical person, Mary Stuart is all but minimized.The outcome of the story of Dominic and Minuette is intriguing and almost until the last chapter the reader wonders what will happen next.I recommend this trilogy to all readers--you are in for a treat.

Sometimes when reviewing a book we want to tell the readers everything about that book....all the

beauties and revelations. BUT I don't want to do that, the readers of this trilogy need to experience the solid story Laura Andersen has weaved.I will write a little thought down....as I sat reading The Boleyn Reckoning the story was moving around me like a colourful kaleidoscope. the trilogy holds a cast of strong characters that I fell in love with (especially Dominic) the author made them come alive. I felt the passion, the lust for power, the betrayal amongst friends, and the revenge that cost the characters and readers to mourn.The Boleyn Reckoning breathlessly pulled me along a journey I will forever remember, it started with a bang with The Boleyn King and ended with an explosion of emotion for me. By far this book was the best, but is it not supposed to be that way when a story must come to a end?Laura Andersen has created a twist on the Tudor Dynasty that has put her above any other author I have ever read. I can not write a review to say how amazing this trilogy is....JUST READ IT!!!

I am now reading the second book of this Trilogy. It is based on the premise that King Henry the XIII had a son that lived. His name is William, crowned Henry IX. Elizabeth is his sister, and Mary is his half sister. These, along with best friends: Dominic, who William made an Earl, (despite his protests), and Minuette, (Mistress Wyatt). William is head over heels in love with Minuette, and wants to make her his Queen. BUT...all of them are childhood friends. And Dominic is desperately in love With Minuette. And, Minuette is head over heels in love with Dominic.So, y'all will have to read the book, to find out what happens next. Be prepared to be surprised, over and over again. This Trilogy is definitely a must read!!

A suspenseful yet satisfying end to the trilogy. Again the writing,characters and plot was good. This book was more sad than the other two because you know only a couple of things can happen to end the story after Dominic and Minuette let out their secret. Minuette was also less annoying as a character in this book, maybe because she starts to realize the very dangerous game she is playing. A good ending to a good and original trilogy. 4 out of 5 stars.

I can only write that I'm sad because I finished this last book after reading the first two.Laura Anderson has taken the subject matter and managed to keep the reader spellbound.Kudos for adding such a refreshing change of pace to the Tudors. Truly inspiring. How interesting to contemplate all that could have happened had history indeed played out differently.For Tudor enthusiasts I highly recommend this trilogy.Absolutely enthralling.

You knew in The Boleyn Deceit that Dominic & Minuette were in deep trouble when they were married in a secret Catholic ceremony. Not a bright thing to do when the king is planning on marrying Minuette himself. In this book things get steadily worse as William practically broadcast his intention of making Minuette his queen by having her dress in a gown royal purple and ermine for Easter and on her birthday granting her the title of Marquess of Somerset, a title that only Anne Boleyn had held in her own right. Oh and Minuette is pregnant with Dominic's child at the time. Needless to say when William finds out, life is not a bed of roses for he is after all Henry VIII's son

This conclusion to Ms. Andersen's alternate history trilogy was absolutely rewarding in both its story telling and the way she tied up her storylines in a neat bow.I am not one to get overly emotional reading a book, but when [spoiler] saw [spoiler] step out of the carriage near the end, I completely lost it.For anyone who loves Tudor England, but has read all of the "real" histories, you will enjoy this series. A fresh twist on that which we know so well.Well done Milady!

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