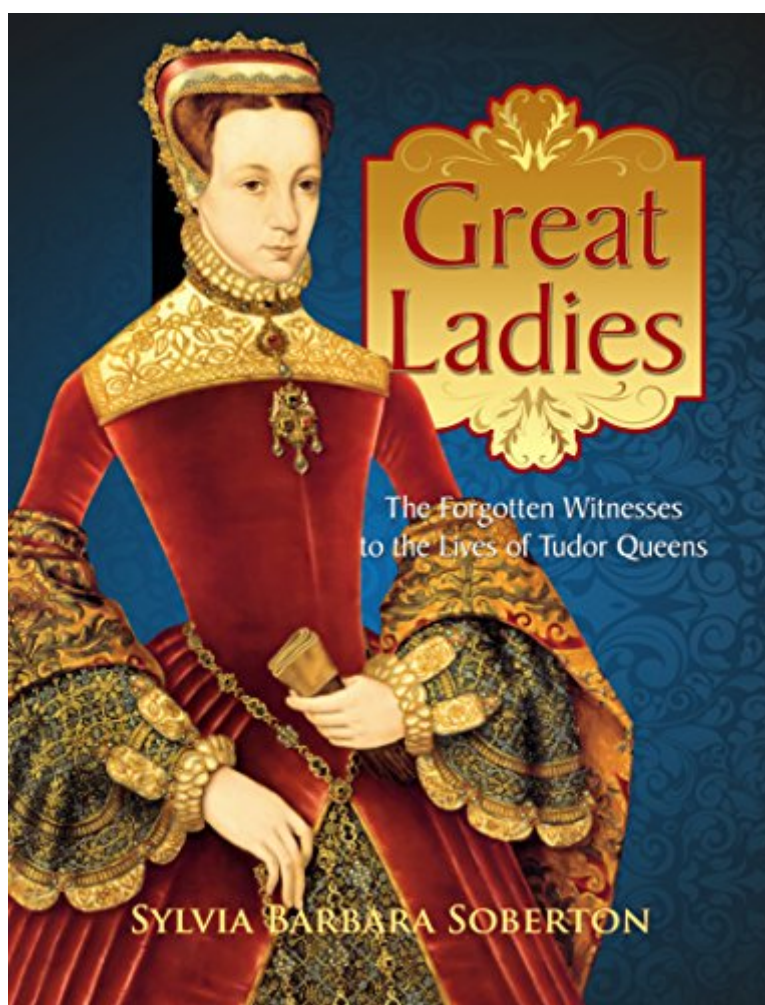


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Great Ladies: The Forgotten Witnesses To The Lives Of Tudor Queens



Synopsis

There has been a great deal written about Tudor queens, but less so about those women who surrounded the throne, who may have held even more power and influence than those who actually wore the golden crown. Some ladies who served at the Tudor court are only faceless silhouettes lost to the sands of time, but there are those who dedicated their lives to please their royal mistresses and left documentation, allowing us to piece their life stories together and link them to the stories of Tudor queens. These female attendants saw their queens and princesses up close and often used their intimate bonds to their own benefit. Some were beloved, others hated. This is the story of the ladies of the Tudor court like you've never read it before.

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Customer Reviews

This book gets all the stars from me for two big reasons: Jane Boleyn and Catherine Carey Knollys. Thank GOD authors and historians are finally getting it right with these two. Ms. Soberton gives Jane the sympathetic treatment she wholeheartedly deserves and, even better, gives Catherine more than just a passing mention. So many historians ignore Lady Knollys and I haven't quite figured out why; she was one of Elizabeth I's closest companions. Two big bonuses to an already delightful read. Highly recommend!

I find this book informative and very helpful for anyone who is interested in history about England. The author has done great deal of research in finding about the exact wages, relationships and heir to the throne. The flow is highly mind gripping and I kept on turning pages which entertained me in great deal. The book makes the reader think about the women who held more power and influence than the once who actually wore the crown at that time. The diplomatic details and facts provided through this book along with the incidents makes it a very valuable history ledger. The books includes couple of images of family trees which is highly useful in understanding and I really enjoyed reading this. I recommend this for everyone

Good book that gives insightful information into the lives of the women that served the Tudor court. I often forget that the eyewitness to these events were shared by people that lived to see it.

This was a fine read, a bit heavy on Elizabeth I and known facts, but I enjoyed knowing about the interactions with Katherine Carey Knollys and others. Some little known interactions were mentioned which I appreciated reading about. There were other less remarked upon vignettes, such as the brief life of Mary Seymour daughter of Katherine Parr and Thomas Seymour, that were the reason I decided to read the book. I definitely have noted the other books by this author and will be acquiring them also. I am giving it 4 + Stars and definitely will recommend it to others.

Good description of court from women's perspective. Might have talked more about the embroidery that they did. Was interested in the relationships between Queen and lady in waiting and t :) sir ancestry. Sad that the ladies were often treated so poorly after such dedicated service.

While none of the stories in this book are unknown, it is interesting to have them supported by contemporary sources. The chauvinistic quotes from some of the men - oy vey! It was fascinating to read quotes about how good Mary was and how awful Elizabeth was, particularly as it's normally the other way around. This does, however, lead to a slight problem in that the authors bias is startlingly clear. All the quotes about Mary are positive. All the quotes about Elizabeth are negative. The author really really hates Elizabeth I. As long as you are aware of the bias and don't assume this is a complete portrait of those at the Tudor court, it's an interesting and informative read.

Book still has format issues - Blank pages, few missing also. Very poor. As for the book itself

-Biggest gripe is dating (and a lot of authors do this) If you say 'it's now 1573 and continue with the story without giving me more to go on, ie. 'and Elizabeth is now 40 yrs old. or 'it's been 10 years since so-and-so died', I have no idea of time passage and I now have to go back in the book to figure out where I am in the time span. Aggravates the heck out of me because the book is filled with dates that have no meaning without placement. Some chapters will have several dates pertaining to a particular Lady, her daughter and niece who served on specific dates which, again, have no meaning unless you know your Tudor history dates VERY well. So many Katherine's, Elizabeth's, Blanches, Annes, etc. you have to stop and think which is which.. Do I sound confused? Yes, well so is this book. I enjoy Tudor history but not this book.

Kind of hard to get into, but definitely a good accompaniment to The White Princess.

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