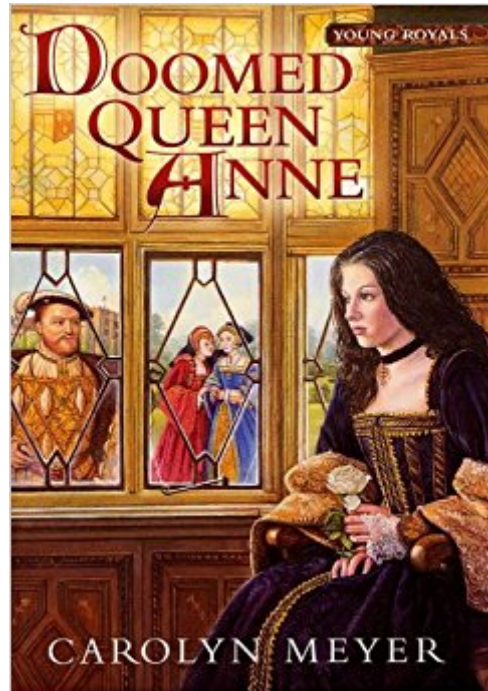




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Doomed Queen Anne



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

Carolyn Meyer's Young Royals series continues with Doomed Queen Anne, based on the tragic events of Anne Boleyn's life. Told in the first person, Meyer's novel sensitively portrays Boleyn's childhood (at 13, she declared she would one day be Queen of England) through to the moments before her infamous end: death by beheading. Ages 12-up. Copyright 2002 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Grade 6-9-A novel, told in first person, about the unfortunate Anne Boleyn. In this account of her short life, she seems to have had no other real interest outside of her burning ambition to marry the king. Anne comes across as self-centered, selfish, and sometimes shrill. Since she makes no

attempt to hide her efforts to win Henry's affection, she makes many enemies in the royal court, not the least of whom is young Princess Mary. Her eventual imprisonment in the tower of London on false charges and her subsequent beheading are described in the final chapter and a brief epilogue. Given the brevity of Anne's life and its single-minded focus, Meyer does an acceptable job of telling her story and steering a discreet course through the ins and outs of Henry's many sexual relationships. However, the epilogue reads like an afterthought and gives little information about how much of the book is true and about the major characters in the aftermath of Anne's execution. Still, middle-school girls will enjoy this portrait of the doomed queen, and it offers yet another perspective on the intricate relationships among members of Henry's royal family, his followers, and his enemies. Bruce Anne Shook, Mendenhall Middle School, Greensboro, NC Copyright 2002 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Though not quite as entertaining as some of the other Young Royals books, *Doomed Queen Anne* gives readers an interesting perspective on how Anne Boleyn may have viewed life in Henry VIII's court. She starts off as a naive, well-meaning young girl living in her sister's shadow, but overtime becomes a cold, haughty woman as a result of ambition and paranoia. I felt the ending was a bit rushed but otherwise, *Doomed Queen Anne* is entertaining and a good choice for young adults interested in historical fiction. It goes well with Carolyn Meyer's other novels, *Mary*, *Blood Mary*, and *Beware, Princess Elizabeth*.

This book obviously ends with Anne Boleyn's end as the story is based on a true historical event. In this particular novel I thought Anne was portrayed as a sympathetic character we are meant to pity. Many books I have read about her portray her as a fascinating, vivacious if vindictive person. It was refreshing to see her in this light. The story is told in first person so of course things are told in a way Anne Boleyn herself may have felt before she lost her head. This is so long ago I highly doubt anyone will ever know what Anne Boleyn was truly like. However, if the real Anne is at all like the Anne in this book she can be assured her legacy has lived on.

Anne Boleyn suffers from the black and white syndrome-- either she is portrayed as wicked beyond redemption (think Philippa Gregory), or a victim of Henry born centuries too soon, a proto feminist if you will (Robin Maxwell.) She was more fascinating than either of these portrayals, and Carolyn Meyer has done this complicated woman almost to perfection in this novel. Anne is shown as a relatable, sympathetic woman, but not a perfect one either. You can see how she was seduced by

Henry's power and how once caught in the game, she staked everything too high. I also liked that Catherine of Aragon was drawn out well here, as were Anne's siblings and the Henry in this book is a man I could have fallen for too. The main complaint was portraying her with the deformities, but other than that, I really felt like I had lived Anne's turbulent and ultimately doomed life with her, and kept hoping for a happy ending. Elizabeth I think was Anne's happy ending. I also recommend *Beware, Princess Elizabeth* and the others in this series.

Don't be fooled by the title of my review, I'm a Tudor history fanatic. But behind every love of a certain period of history is a TRAGIC story of reality. Anne Boleyn is an example of this. She risked everything for something no one thought she could have. She rose higher than anyone else, just about, in her lifetime, but she also had so much farther to fall. The tragedy of Anne Boleyn and the five other innocent men who died in 1536 is a cold splash of tyranny, cruelty, and the harsh reality of Tudor England. *Doomed Queen Anne* is a book written from Anne's viewpoint of all that befell her: her bouts of happiness, her tears, her sufferings, her love life, and her shattered dreams that she attained yet paid the highest price of all. An amazing book and extremely well-written about this tragic historical figure in one of the most intriguing time periods in the history of England and the world.

Anne Boleyn besides Catherine of Aragon is the most interesting of Henry's wives she makes the life of Henry the VIII more entertaining because it's so full of drama. Carolyn Meyer however adds that notes of spice that make the story worth reading, despite the fact that Anne is a pain in the neck, Mrs Meyer helps you sympathize with her. Love Ms. Meyer's books and bought many copies to give away as gifts. Kudos!!

The cover is not as pictured, I was searching for this specific cover because I am trying to collect my childhood books just as I remembered them. Other than that, great condition.

This book tells the amazing story of Anne Boleyn. One of the most interesting things about this queen that lived in the past. I would really recommend this book to any one who likes history and a little romance. I also think that Carolyn Meyer is just perfect at making this story a part of our lives and she is also an amazing author.

I really loved the history and the easy read this series was.

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