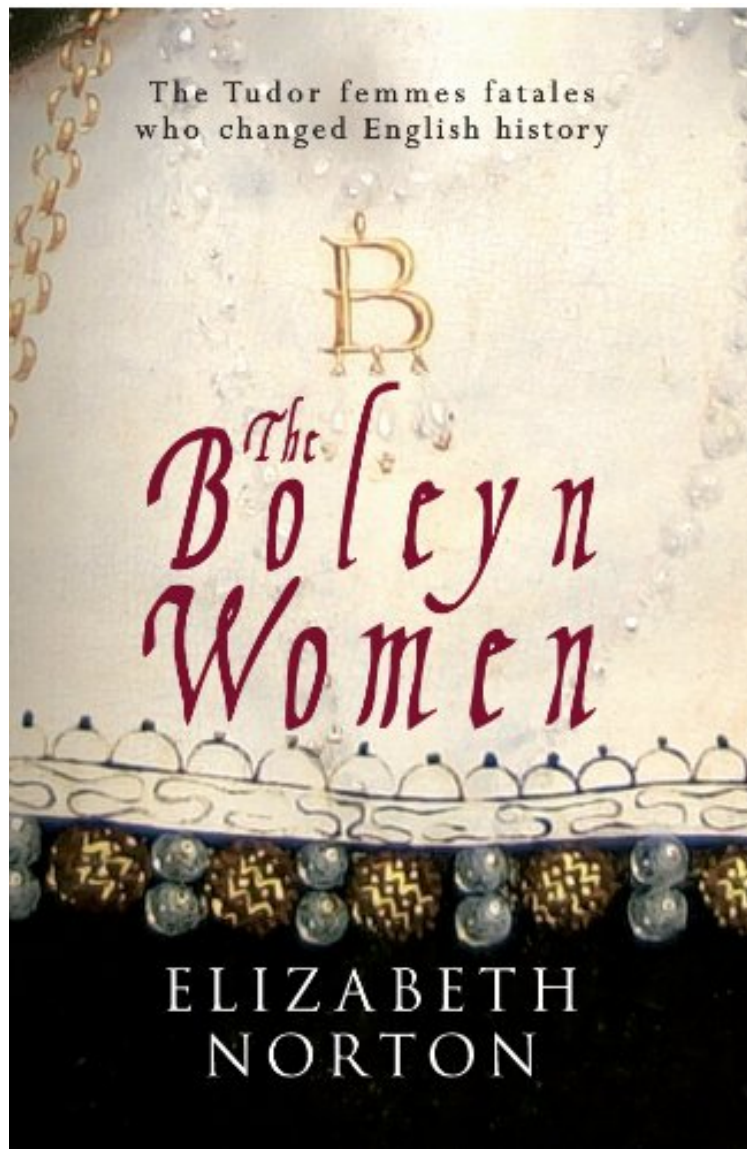


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1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Strong and ambitious women!
Von Jorg W
Anne Boleyn and her sister Mary Boleyn are the most prominent Boleyn women, but there are more...
The book gives a good overview of the rise and fall of the Boleyn family, from its early beginnings as landowners and rich farmers, who moved their way up in hierarchie through successfully marrying into families of the local gentry then further into high aristocarcy, culminating in the queenship of Anne Boleyn and her daughter Elizabeth I.
The book tries to retrace the differnt family branches and the lives of less prominent members of the family, who were nevertheless important to the family history and necessary for the rise of the Boleyn family - a family which significantly influenced the history of England.
All in all, the book is well researched and well written. The book reflects in a good way, what contribution each of the individual ladies made to the family in the historic context.
What I found in particular usefull and interesting was the fact how the families of the different court members were interlinked and that behind this Anne Boleyn was a strong-willed family. These female family members built also the inner circle of Elizabeth I chamber and influenced and intertwined, in one or the other way, their lives in a positive, as well as, negative way!

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The Boleyn family appeared from nowhere at the end of the fourteenth century, moving from peasant to princess in only a few generations. The women of the family brought about its advancement, beginning with the heiresses Alice Bracton Boleyn, Anne Hoo Boleyn and Margaret Butler Boleyn who brought wealth and aristocratic connections. Then there was Elizabeth Howard Boleyn, who was rumoured to have been the mistress of Henry VIII, along with her daughter Mary and niece Madge, who certainly were. Anne Boleyn became the king's second wife and her aunts, Lady Boleyn and Lady Shelton, helped bring her to the block. The infamous Jane Boleyn, the last of her generation, betrayed her husband before dying on the scaffold with Queen Catherine Howard. The next generation was no less turbulent and Catherine Carey, the daughter of Mary Boleyn fled from England to avoid persecution under Mary Tudor. Her daughter, Lettice was locked in bitter rivalry with the greatest Boleyn lady of all, Elizabeth I, winning the battle for the affections of Robert Dudley but losing her position in society as a consequence. Finally, another Catherine Carey, the Countess of Nottingham, was so close to her cousin, the queen, that Elizabeth died of grief following her death. The Boleyn family was the most ambitious dynasty of the sixteenth century, rising dramatically to prominence in the early years of a century that would end with a Boleyn on the throne.
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