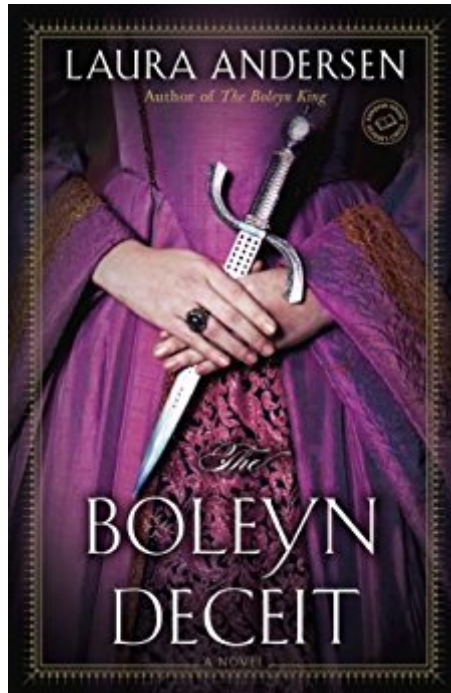




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The Boleyn Deceit: A Novel (The Boleyn Trilogy Book 2)



Synopsis

Perfect for fans of Philippa Gregory, Alison Weir, and Showtime's *The Tudors*, *The Boleyn Deceit* is the captivating new novel set in the imagined Tudor court of King Henry IX, son of Henry VIII and Anne Boleyn, who must navigate a terrain rife with palace intrigue, impending war, and unbridled passions. The regency period is over and William Tudor, now King Henry IX, sits alone on the throne. But England must still contend with those who doubt his legitimacy, both in faraway lands and within his own family. To diffuse tensions and appease the Catholics, William is betrothed to a young princess from France, but still he has eyes for only his childhood friend Minuette, and court tongues are wagging. Even more scandalous and dangerous, if discovered is that Minuette's heart and soul belong to Dominic, William's best friend and trusted advisor. Minuette must walk a delicate balance between her two suitors, unable to confide in anyone, not even her friend Elizabeth, William's sister, who must contend with her own cleaved heart. In this irresistible tale, the secrets that everyone keeps are enough to change the course of an empire. Includes a preview of Laura Andersen's *The Boleyn Reckoning*. Praise for *The Boleyn Deceit* "Detailed and quick-paced, [The Boleyn Deceit] will have series fans devouring it and emerging eager for the last book. An excellent recommendation for Philippa Gregory fans." "Booklist (starred review) "This entertaining work of alternative history offers plenty to savor for both fans of historical romance and those whose passion is political intrigue. . . . Perfect for fans of Philippa Gregory and Alison Weir, Andersen's novel admirably takes artistic license with history while remaining true to many aspects of real-world history. . . . [Foreshadows] a mesmerizing conclusion to the trilogy." "Publishers Weekly "An intriguing re-imagining of Tudor England and the treacheries of court life." "Kirkus Reviews "Praise for Laura Andersen's *The Boleyn King* "A sumptuous, vividly imagined novel of a Boleyn king's fateful rise to power amid the treacherous glamour of the Tudor court." C. W. Gortner, author of *The Queen's Vow* "Fans of both Stephenie Meyer and Philippa Gregory will find much to love in this evocative and well-written debut." Francine Mathews, author of *Jack 1939* Look for special features inside. Join the Random House Reader's Circle for author chats and more. From the Trade Paperback edition.

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Customer Reviews

Laura Anderson is quite a story teller. Most of the characters are historical, but because this is alternate history, unlike a pure historical novel, you don't know what's going to happen. This is not a "chick book". The male characters are quite as interesting as the female, and Anderson is adept at switching from the point of view of one character to another. What if Anne Boleyn had borne Henry VIII a son who succeeded him as king? What would the young king be like? How would that have affected his sister Elizabeth? How would history be changed? These are fascinating questions, but the story would not work as a novel without interesting characters the reader cares about. Anderson brings it off, and does it well.

Even though this is an alternate history I did enjoy this book. The only episode I found tiresome was where Minuette thought Dominic had been sleeping with a French lady-in-waiting to King Henri's mistress. Then she promptly made a fool of herself. Guildford Dudley did wind up beheaded in factual history for marrying Lady Jane Grey, Northumberland wound up attainted and executed, Robert Dudley was a resident of The Tower, his wife wound up with a broken neck at the foot of the stairs, and Queen Elizabeth I nearly died of small pox which really freaked out her council. So many of the factual events that occurred have been manipulated to work in a surviving son of Henry VIII, Henry IX

Fabulous read!!! Story keeps you turning page after page.

I love everything Tudor. I can't explain myself but I do. This fiction book was great. It made me keep thinking 'what if' and 'why' which is a good thing. I really enjoyed the characters and seeing the viewpoint of the author. I hope she keeps on writing about the Tudor era. She is on my list of favorites now.

I can't say enough how much I loved this book. I couldn't put it down. It kept me enthralled and captivated. Amazing alternate history.

This is in the first threesome of the revisionist books. Loved it

This writer really knows her business. The details are accurate but don't bog down the plot. The characters are so well developed that it is almost painful to wait for the next book. I hope Laura Andersen never stops writing. Perhaps she could take us through history all the way to the current day. What a great vehicle. Write on!

I really enjoyed it. I always wonder what would have happened if Anne Would have given Henry a son.

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