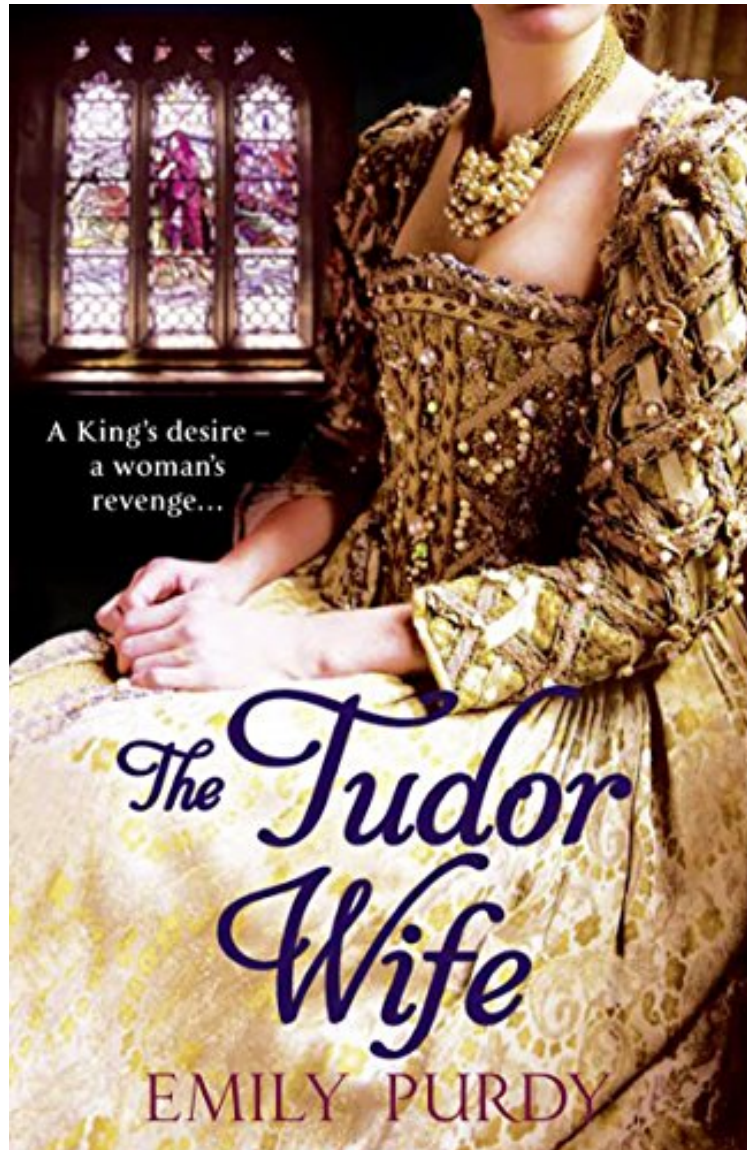


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Von Emily Purdy : The Tudor Wife before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Tudor Wife:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Historical fiction meets soap opera!Von BookwormWith "The Tudor Wife" Ms. Purdy has written a novel that is somewhere between historical fiction and soap opera --- the writing is vivid and detailed, and it felt like a movie was playing right in front of my eyes. However, there were some scenes that I did not like at all, and that did not seem to fit

the rest of the story --- I felt that the book could have been much better if a few scenes had been left out. The book essentially tells the story of Anne Boleyn through the eyes of her sister-in-law Jane Boleyn, wife of Anne's beloved brother George. Jane is a mean-spirited, hateful, and despicable character, and more often than not while reading this book I would shake my head in disbelief at the things Jane said or did out of pure jealousy. On one hand I could understand where some of her behaviour was coming from --- she was desperately in love with George, who in turn did not care at all about her and chose to spend all his time with his friends and his sister Anne, leaving Jane an unwelcome outsider. On the other hand, the way she behaved towards Anne (and at times George as well) probably made things much worse than they would have been if she had tried to actually like and befriend Anne and get on George's good side in that way. The biggest part of the book is devoted to the period of time from the moment Jane first meets Anne to the moment of Anne's execution. I think it might have been better if Ms. Purdy had ended her story with (or shortly after) George and Anne's executions. Instead she tacked on another 100 pages about the years after that, with the first few of those pages being about Jane Seymour and Anna of Cleves, and the remaining pages about Jane's involvement in the fall of Henry VIII's fifth queen, Katherine Howard (ironically, a cousin of Anne Boleyn), and her subsequent death. But where the first (and biggest) part of the book --- the one that contained the story of Jane, George and Anne --- was really good and kept me turning the pages, the rest of it felt like it had just been tacked on to add some length to the novel. I think "The Tudor Wife" will appeal to readers who enjoy light historical fiction and are at least a little familiar with the history of Tudor England. Keep in mind, though, that this is a work of historical fiction, and the author did take quite a few liberties (read: it's not exactly historically accurate). Overall, I liked it, and I think Ms. Purdy's writing has a lot of potential. Would I read another book by this author again? Absolutely.

Kurzbeschreibung A lustful king. A thirst for power. The terrible price of revenge Encompassing the reigns of four of Henry's wives, from the doomed Anne to the reckless Katherine Howard, *The Tudor Wife* is an unforgettable story of ambition, lust, and jealousy. Shy, plain Lady Jane Parker feels out of place in Henry VIII's court, which is filled with debauchery and scandal. But a marriage match with the handsome George Boleyn leaves her overjoyed until she meets his sister Anne. George is devoted to his sister; and as Anne Boleyn's circle of admirers grows, so does Jane's resentment. Becoming Henry's queen makes Anne the most powerful woman in England; but it also makes her vulnerable. When he begins to tire of his mercurial wife who will not provide a male heir, the stage is set for the ultimate betrayal. Divulging the secrets behind the reigns of Henry's wives, from the doomed Anne to the reckless Katherine Howard, *The Tudor Wife* is a sumptuous and seductive novel, perfect for fans of *The Tudors* and Philippa Gregory. *Pressestimmen* 'Classic story of a woman scorned, who is after revenge of the most bloody kind.' *Closer Magazine* *Pressestimmen* 'Classic story of a woman scorned, who is after revenge of the most bloody kind.', *Closer Magazine*