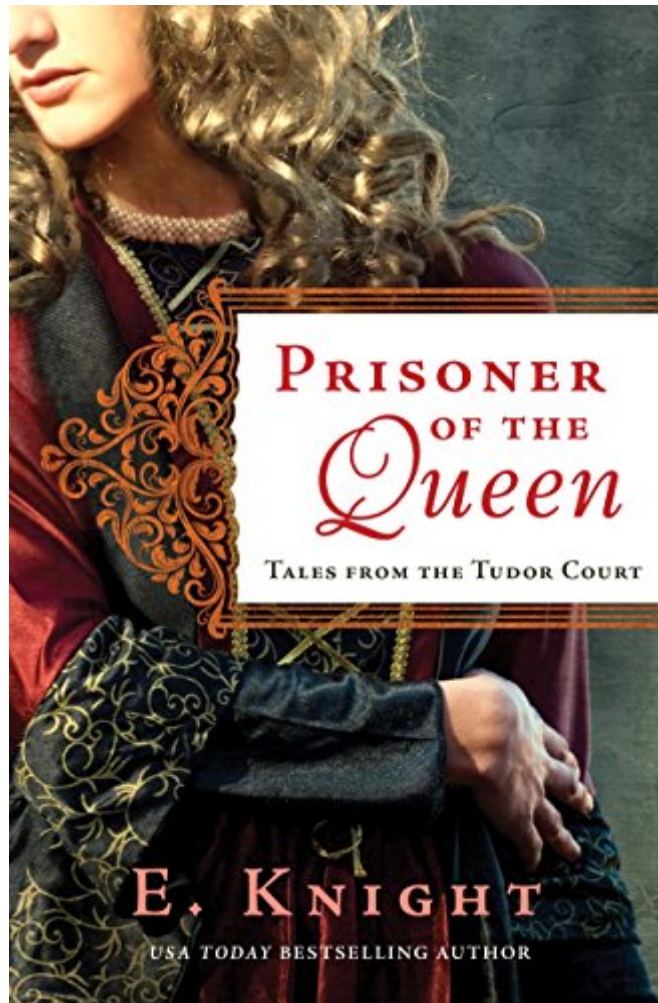


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Synopsis

Kindhearted Katherine Grey knows well the peril of being born with royal blood. As Henry VIII's grandniece and one of the heirs to the English throne, her noble birth has doomed her to live among the schemers and seducers of the king's court—barring her from the peaceful life that she truly desires. After her sister fails to keep the throne, and a new queen rises to power, Katherine finds herself surrounded by adversaries. Since Queen Elizabeth sees her as a threat, and court conspirators see her as an ally, Katherine is forced to play a game she knows she cannot win. And when she reunites with the man she truly loves, Katherine has even more at stake. With treachery at every turn and the life she dreams of within reach, Katherine must make an impossible choice: Will she submit to the queen's authority, or will she pursue love no matter the cost? Revised edition: This edition of *Prisoner of the Queen* includes editorial revisions.

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Customer Reviews

The circumstance of Katherine Grey's existence is heartbreaking. Witnessing the demise of her sister, 9-day queen Jane, and the downfall of her family, Katherine struggles to find her place in court. Unfortunately her royal blood makes her both a value and a rival. Unable to marry her true

love because of her lineage, Katherine is a tragic figure at the mercy of a vengeful monarch. Knight deftly conveys the joy and anguish of a doomed love story resulting from the misfortune of being born a Tudor. Katherine is portrayed with passion and the intrigues of the Tudor court are skillfully depicted. I received a complimentary copy of this book via Historical Fiction Virtual Book Tours.

Prisoner of the Queen had me gripped from the prologue. Eliza Knight has artfully told the story of ill-fated Katherine Grey, sister to the Nine-Days Queen, Jane Grey. As a lover of all things Tudor, I thoroughly enjoyed this book. There is a fresh perspective on court life and several Queens through the eyes of Katherine Grey. Katherine, who had been inundated with Court Life since she was a child, is cousin to Queen Mary and Elizabeth. Katherine Grey is seen as a threat to the Crown, but all she wants in her life is to carry on a humble existence with the man she loves, Edward Seymour. The star-crossed lover's story is presented with historical accuracy, including some of the actual letters written by Jane and Katherine Grey as well as heartbreaking emotions. For any Tudor lovers, this is a new and exciting story from the Tudor court complete with intrigue, plotting and executions. This book was received as an ARC from the author in exchange for an honest review.

I think what I enjoy most about the *Tales from the Tudor Court* series is the author's ability in taking the fringe players and showing us how essential they were to what was going on in the Tudor world. She accomplished this in *My Lady Viper*, with Anne Seymour, and she does it brilliantly once again with this book surrounding Katherine Grey's life. Katherine was the younger sister to Lady Jane Grey, Queen Jane for those illustrious nine days. She was the middle daughter of Frances Grey, nee Brandon, who was the niece of Henry VIII and daughter to Mary Tudor and Charles Brandon. In this book, Katherine seemed to be a more grounded type of person, who really only wanted the simple things in life. Not the intrigue of court. Although naive at times, she is very kind to the less fortunate, which I thought commendable. But she also has an inner strength that really comes to her aid later on when she finds herself in a precarious situation. It was difficult for me to read Queen Elizabeth I as being such a mean, spiteful...and paranoid...woman, as I have a spot in my heart for her. However, the author here makes us believe that she could have really been like that. Not by simply writing her character that way, but by portraying the reasons why she might have behaved in this way. It doesn't really portray her in a favorable light, but we can accept that, given the times and what she had endured, she could have very well had reasons for her behavior. I say, "Well Done!" In all, *Prisoner of the Queen* is an excellent historical novel. It is well-researched and the characters are well-written, interesting and engaging, as is the entire story. If you have not picked this series up

as yet, I highly recommend that you do.

I love the Tudor period. It is hard to believe that anyone could write another book dealing with this royal dynasty that would still leave me feeling like I haven't read a half a million books on the subject, (ok, maybe not so many, but it feels that way sometimes) but E. Knight does. So yes, the Tudor period is very overdone, in both historical fiction and romantic fiction, but, there's always something more, or someone more to learn about. In this case, Katherine Grey, who was the sister to Lady Jane Grey, the nine days queen. I've read books that feature the Grey sisters but they focused mostly on Jane and Mary. This was the first one that I've read that put Katherine in the spotlight. This is a tragic romance but one that really pulls you in. This is a woman of royal blood, whose life is really in the hands of the Queens, both Mary and Elizabeth, who see her as a threat. I felt terribly sorry for her. She seemed to want love rather than power, and she definitely didn't have the love of many people in her life. Her mother wasn't exactly the nicest woman, and the Queens that she served wouldn't trust or like or much, with good reason really, not that Katherine did anything to usurp the throne, but other members of her family did. That put her in constant suspicion. E. Knight makes Katherine a very real person to her readers as well as Ned. There are things that happen in her life that will make you cry along with her. The loss of her pup, was one moment that really got to me. I always hate reading about the death of animals or when someone's pet wasn't allowed to make a journey with them to a new life. I love the writing style and the obvious research that went into bringing this story to life. This book was a joy to read, even as the story breaks your heart. ~ review copy provided by the author for an honest review

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