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Karen Lindsey : Divorced, Beheaded, Survived: A Feminist Reinterpretation Of The Wives Of Henry VIII before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Divorced, Beheaded, Survived: A Feminist Reinterpretation Of The Wives Of Henry VIII:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Enjoyable read
By james fairfax
This book was an enjoyable and easy read, I only wish Lindsey had chosen to add notes. She gave good reasons as to why she did not: "Because notes can distract the reader, and because this book focuses on reinterpretation of accepted facts rather than on disputing the facts themselves, I have avoided using notes." P.217
However I like to separate out fact to have the option to form my own opinion. There were points in the book where Lindsey made it clear that emotions or thoughts were being speculated about: "[Catherine] must have wondered, bitterly, if the new king of Scots would one day be king of England". However at other times it is not clear: "Jane Grey, miserably unhappy in her new marriage...was now queen." Without notes I'm wondering how we know Lady Grey was unhappy.
Karen Lindsey does offer me assistance with my thirst for knowledge; there is a good bibliography so I will do my own further reading. Overall an enjoyable read, with some excellent food for thought.
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By cyberpiglet
If you can stand back and appreciate Karen Lindsey's book as a personal - rather than feminist - interpretation of the six wives of Henry VIII, there is much to enjoy in this book. Her theory concerning Henry's negative reaction to Anne of Cleves is very amusing and as likely to be near the truth as any other I've read. Lindsey, however, lacks objectivity in pursuing her subject and makes it clear from the outset that she is firmly in Anne Boleyn's camp. Actions that she attacks in the case of Jane Seymour are summarily excused in Anne Boleyn - although both women were in essentially the same situation. For one well grounded in Tudor history this book makes a diverting read. Readers in search of a solid history of Henry's six wives should look elsewhere.
0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. It is finally available.....again!!!!!!
By L. Bednarski
was shocked when I went on .com and immediately found this book. in my "pre days" 10, 15 years ago..was told this book was out of print. accidentally sold it at a garage sale and a year later, wanted another copy. Book arrived in pristine condition. forgot what a nice write up author has on each wife of Henry VIII. As a student/curious reader of the Tudor- Elizabethan age...this book is a treat!

The women who wed Henry VIII are remembered mainly for the ways their royal marriages ended divorced beheaded died divorced beheaded survived This book helps to restore full humanity to these six fascinating women by applying the insights of feminist scholarship Here they appear not as stereotypes not simply as victims but as lively intelligent noblewomen doing their best to survive in a treacherous court Divorced Beheaded Survived takes a revisionist look at 16th century English politics domestic and otherwise reinterpreting the historical record in perceptive new ways For example it shows Ann Boleyn not as a seductress but as a sophisticate who for years politely suffered what we would now label royal sexual harassment It presents evidence that the princess Anne of Cleves whom Henry declared ugly and banished from his bed was in fact a pretty woman who agreed to the king's whim as her best hope for happiness
Booknews A fascinating revisionist look at 16th century English politics both public and private examining the lives of Henry VIII's six wives as active personalities rather than merely as seductresses unattractive hags or ciphers
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One hardly needs to reinterpret history to conclude that some of Henry VIII's wives were manipulated and victimized by a male-dominated society; most historians see that as a given. In her apparent determination to find something new under the sun, Lindsey sacrifices both objectivity and credibility. Virtually every important event is filtered through her feminist prism. Ann Boleyn may not have been the "great whore" of popular lore, but Lindsey's portrayal of her as a victim of sexual harassment on a grand scale is a bit much. Still, this book has value. In examining these women as flesh-and-blood humans rather than pawns in a chess game of power politics, Lindsey has performed a useful service. Her portrait of Henry's first and perhaps most tragic wife, Catherine of Aragon, is particularly poignant. This is a generally enjoyable and informative work, considering the self-imposed constraints the author worked under. Jay Freeman
From the Back Cover
"This is an engaging read that conveys well the feelings not only of the characters but of the era as well. An occasional bit of dry humor blends nicely with Lindsey's intelligent writing style." -Tulsa World
About the Author
Karen Lindsey is coauthor of Dr. Susan Love's Breast Book and Dr. Susan Love's Hormone Book.