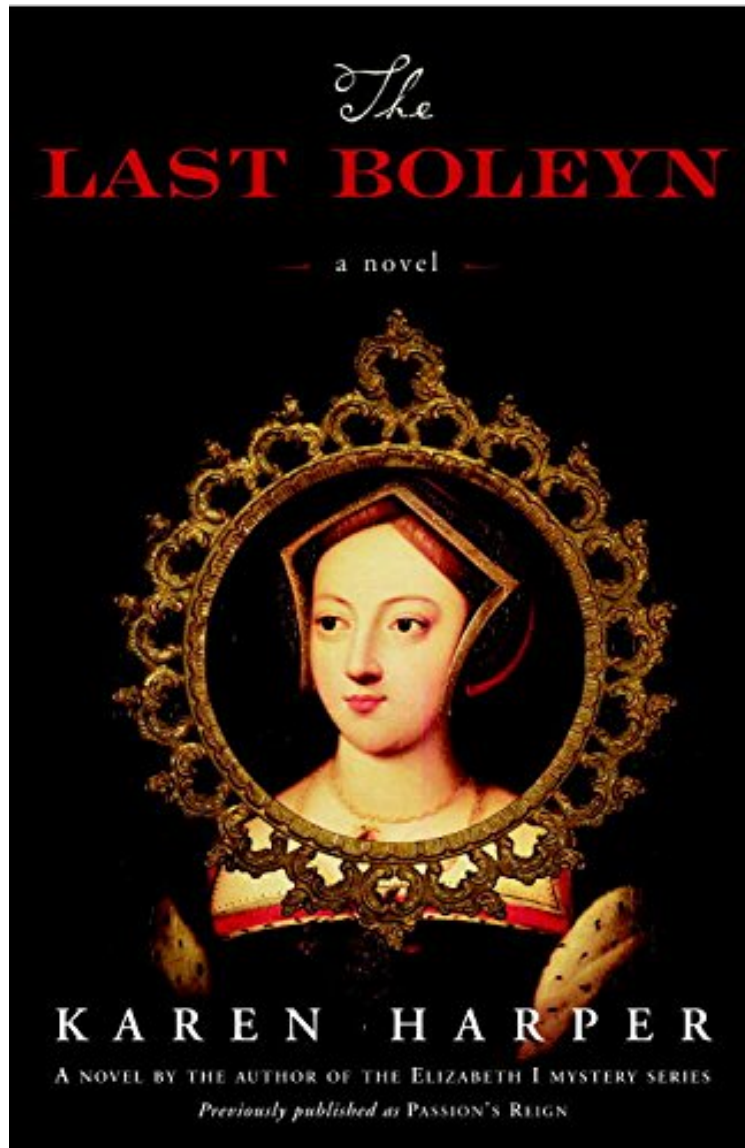


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. The Last BoleynVon BookwormI really liked "The Last Boleyn" --- the book tells the story of Mary Boleyn, mistress to two kings and sister of Anne Boleyn. Both writing and characterization were really good. Mary was well-drawn and likable ... some historians like to paint her as "just a dumb blonde", but I like to think that she was smarter than that.

After all, she was the only one of the immediate Boleyn family to come through the fall of her sister Anne unscathed --- and not just through a stroke of luck. I also liked Stafford although I must admit I found him to be a bit condescending at times. So far I have found only two novels that deal primarily with Mary (there are far more novels focusing on her sister Anne) --- this one, and Philippa Gregory's "The Other Boleyn Girl". Personally, I think both books are very good, but I liked "The Other Boleyn Girl" a little better! I also feel that it gave a much broader picture of all the happenings surrounding the rise and fall of Anne Boleyn than did "The Last Boleyn". In Karen Harper's novel Mary's sister Anne and Henry VIII come across as nothing more than minor characters for most of the book, and many events that were actually a very important part of the story --- such as the politics leading to Henry's divorce from Catherine or the fall of Cardinal Wolsey --- are only alluded to in very few sentences (and after they have already happened). Because of this I think the story might be a tad confusing for those who aren't quite so familiar with Tudor history (yet). Ms. Harper really concentrates on the romance between Mary and Stafford in her book. One other thing that bothered me a little were the time leaps ---- often several months or even a whole year had gone by in the story between one chapter and the next with barely any mention of what happened during that time, and it just felt like whole chunks were missing. Despite that, I liked "The Last Boleyn", and I will definitely read the other books that Ms. Harper has written. Basically, if you know your Tudor history then you will probably enjoy "The Last Boleyn". However, if you don't know that much about the story of the Boleyns, their rise to power and subsequent fall from grace yet then I recommend you start with "The Other Boleyn Girl".

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