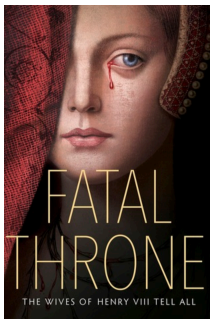
BOOK BUZZ BOOK REVIEW Fall 2018



Your Name: Britt Buckenroth
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School: New Lebanon Jr/Sr High School
Date: 11/15/18

Title: *Fatal Throne*
Author: Candace Fleming, M.T. Anderson, Jennifer Donnelly, Stephanie Hemphill, Deborah Hopkinson, Linda Sue Park, Lisa Ann Sandell
Genre: Historical Fiction
Grade/s: 9-12
Audience: Fans of King Arthur stories, Netflix's *The Crown* or *Wolf Hall*, history buffs
Copyright Year: 2018

Summary:
If you were one of King Henry VIII's six wives, who would you be? Would you be Anne Boleyn, who literally lost her head? Would you be the subject of rumor and scandal like Catherine Howard? Or would you get away and survive like Anna of Cleves?

Meet them and Henry's other queens--each bound for divorce or death--in this epic and thrilling novel that reads like fantasy but really happened. Watch spellbound as each of these women attempts to survive their unpredictable king as he grows more and more obsessed with producing a male heir. And discover how the power-hungry court fanned the flames of Henry's passions . . . and his most horrible impulses.

Whether you're a huge fan of all things Tudor or new to this jaw-dropping saga, you won't be able to get the unique voices of Henry and his wives--all brought to life by seven award-winning and bestselling authors--out of your head.

This is an intimate look at the royals during one of the most treacherous times in history. Who will you root for and who will you love to hate?

Your Opinion:
If you are a fan of the Tudors or historical fiction stories that involve the royal families this is a book for you. Each of the wives of Henry the VIII is told by a different YA author and between each wife is a chapter from Henry written by M.T. Andersen. I love the timeline and "glossary" of all the people involved at the end and I referred to it

throughout my reading. I enjoyed the perspectives these authors gave to these women in history and appreciated the author's note about how much care went into the research. If you can inspire students to read this kind of fiction it's a wonderful way to get them digging into the past.

There are a few "risque" scenes with Catherine Howard and two wives do lose their heads, so I would recommend this book to 9-12th graders.

Booktalk - Use this section to jot down bullet points you would use for a book talk, for example a hook statement about the book.

- Have you ever heard of Henry the VIII and his six wives?
- Did you know two of them he sent to have their heads chopped off???
- Here are their stories, told from their points of view, by different YA authors. In between is a chapter from Henry himself.
- Lots of research was done to make the stories as accurate as possible and they are filled with all sorts of juicy, court gossip!!