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The story begins in a rose garden at Heber Castle one summer's day, and ends in blood and tragedy at a scaffold in the Tower. It brings to life that period in history when Henry VIII found a match in the beautiful Anne Boleyn. He, with his handsome looks and dominating personality, and she whose courage, pride and indomitable passion were to win her a crown and cost her her life... In this novel, Evelyn Anthony shows Anne Boleyn as a fascinating woman - vain, coarse and fierce, as well as brave and loyal to those she loved.

## **Anne Boleyn Details**

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## From Reader Review Anne Boleyn for online ebook

### Troy Terwilliger says

Oui, j'adore. Yes, I love. This is one of the best Anne Boleyn books I've ever read. A clear description from her most tragic point of view. Devastating, thrilling and smooth. A slightly easy read, but, hey. I enjoyed this book. Any history lover will. Insights on Anne, good and bad. Read!

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### Lynette Lark says

Surprisingly to me: I am finding that the older the book, the better I like it. I was a little jaded when I thought the older books would not titillate, but they do.

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### Karen says

Not my favorite novel of Anne Boleyn. It left out a lot of information and there were quite a few spelling and grammatical errors. Maybe a good just getting to know Anne Boleyn novel, but having read both historical and true history about the Tudors, I was really underwhelmed.

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### Chris says

2.5? Maybe, conflicted.

Written a great many years ago, it isn't a bad historical novel. It is far more accurate than say The Other Boleyn Girl (though that is damning with faint praise, isn't it?). I enjoyed Anthony's mysteries/thrillers better. There are some really nice scenes here, and she does a good job of capturing Henry VIII, but it's a bit been there, done that kinda of a book.

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### Bookworm Erica says

Great fictionalized history story. still sad Anne got beheaded in the end

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### JT says

Evelyn was able to put a different spin on this much written about character. Although I wouldn't call this book a page-turner (as most of us know how it ends for poor Anne), it had enough plot twists to make it entertaining and interesting.

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### **Melissa Jacobson says**

I enjoyed this book so much more than I thought I would. I learned so much about Anne Boleyn and Henry VIII as well as Mary and Catherine. The author did such a great job making these people from history really come to life. The story was engaging and political while also being informative. Really great for people wanting to learn about Anne Boleyn but not wanting to read a dense biography.

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### **Tania says**

Interesting account of Anne Boleyn's life from the time Henry VIII first becomes interested in her through her beheading. Very easy read, kept interest throughout and did not drag on details though they were provided. Enough history to set the stage but this was more about actions and consequences. Based on the information provided it didn't feel "embellished." It wasn't overly sexual in nature thought that was covered.

The author covered Anne's pre-Henry trysts and her ongoing seduction of Henry through her decision to finally become his lover. We see Anne's thought process at its highest and we see her wrong moves which ultimately dethroned her. Characters are defined in their relationships to her and Henry; this is their story.

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### **NuNu says**

This book was one of my favorites when I first read it many years ago. I have to say that I enjoyed re-reading it to end the year 2017. Henry VIII and his wives have inserted themselves in my reading choices in both non fiction and fiction. Happy reading in 2017

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### **Diane Williamson says**

#### **Gotta love her!**

I've read quite a few books on Anne Boleyn and this one had a different prospective. I liked it well!

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### **jules says**

One of my favorite books of all time, I finally found this in a used bookstore in Oregon after literally years of searching. I originally read this book when I was about 11 years old, which now seems a bit odd to me since, having re-read the book as an adult, I realize it is quite sophisticated. Though a novel, 'Anne Boleyn' helped fuel my lifelong love of history and biography, as well as my continuing fascination with this singular, tragic

woman.

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### **Vicki says**

Part of my annual summer review of books by a single author or books of a single topic. This year I chose Anne Boleyn. I have always been mesmerized by the history of her and how she changed the course of history.

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### **Starratier says**

Very interesting in the way the story was told. Some of the facts were off but for a fictional book not too bad

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### **Juliet says**

Read this initially when I was a senior in high school and absolutely loved it. Anne Boleyn was my favorite of Henry 8's wives because of this book. Re-reading it now with wiser, more adult eyes, I see Anne and Henry both as unhinged, each in a different way -- Henry, far more dangerously so. Still, just as Anne won over the crowd at the very end of her life, so also has Anthony by virtue of her skillful depiction won me all over again to Anne's side in spite of her faults.

I say this because so many people judge a book, in a juvenile way, on the basis of whether they like the main character or not. The fact that so many people do this is really driving me up the wall. Anne is not likable. She is vain, ambitious to the point of destroying other people, greedy for power, clever, witty, able to think like lightning, passionate, literate, intelligent -- in short, a gold mine full of personality. And Evelyn Anthony makes all of this come to life in a setting that might otherwise have been weighed down by all the costumes and castles and pomp. Anne is not someone you'd want to be your friend, or at least, if she were your friend, you would want to be very wary of her even as you admired her talents. But isn't it good to know this about someone? Isn't it good to become so acquainted with a character like this you know her inside and out, feel like you are living inside her? This is the true gift of fiction, which is that it allows us to experience what it is like to live as someone else, someone dramatically NOT us, and in this case, someone who lived in a wildly different time and set of circumstances. Yet Anthony is so skilled, she made 16th century England recognizable territory. All the scheming and infighting and people struggling to step over one another reminded me forcibly of The Sopranos. I was left to conclude, this is what the pursuit of power does to people, whatever the environment. What an incredibly valuable thing to learn. And on top of all that, in addition to just plain telling a damn good story, Anthony made me respect the hell out of Anne Boleyn even as she showed me how she schemed her life away. That is an achievement.

All you readers who would ditch this book because Anne is not "nice" or "likable," you are missing out on LIFE.

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## **Kara says**

This version doesn't bring anything terribly new to the Anne-Boleyn-historical-fiction-table, but, considering it was written about 70 years ago, I won't hold that against it.

It is a solid presentation of what may have happened, and really digs into what may have been going on in various people's heads as Anne and Henry decided to reshape the world to suit their own desires. A good mix of modern language and quotes from the time period, without going overboard either way.

And I *loved* how much it emphasized how much everyone was a part of this or that faction, quick to make alliances, but just as quick to turn on each other. Good lord - reality shows have nothing on the Tudor court!

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