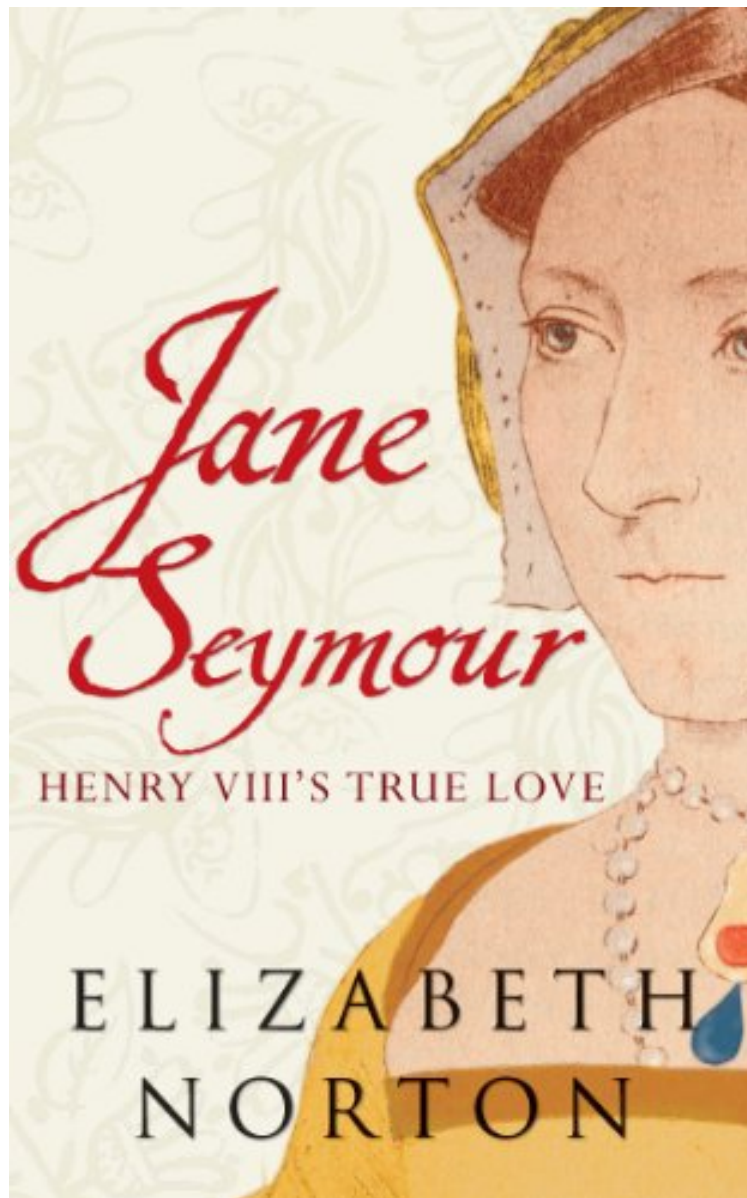


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erntete schlechte Kritiken, weil sie zu wenig von der Frau, und zu viel von ihrer Zeit, der politischen Situation, und dem Hofleben erzählte. Für mich kam das alles in diesem Buch hier zu kurz. 1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. 1536 - when England had three Queen Consorts Von Amelrode Our most dear and most entirely beloved wife, the Queen" - described Henry VIII his third consort, Jane Seymour, in a letter to the Duke of Norfolk in the summer 1537. Jane was pregnant with the future King Edward VI, the son and heir Henry VIII had longed for. Jane died given birth to Edward. She had been Queen from 30 May 1536 to 24 October 1537. In 1536 when Jane became Queen England had three Queen Consorts - Catherine of Aragon, Henry's first wife, died 7 January 1536, and Anna Boleyn, wife number 2, was beheaded 19 May 1536. While Catherine of Aragon and Anna Boleyn were crowned, Jane was never even though she was his first true wife as Henry regarded his first two marriages as null and void. Strangely enough she had never been subject of a proper biography. So like the previous reviewer I was quite excited when I learned that a proper biography will be published. It fills a gap in Tudor literature. While we are used to that our life is documented well, it may come as a surprise that even the life of a Queen of England is hardly documented. Before she became Henry VIII's wife she was just the member of a rather unimportant family of the gentry, of local rather than national importance. Even Jane's date of birth is open to speculation. So historians wanting to recreate her life have to make guesses or just indulge in wishful thinking. This already indicated that Jane - without the accident of being Queen Consort - would have not left a mark on history. Elisabeth Norton does this, especially with regards to the time before Jane attracted the interest of the King. So instead of facts one often read the words "may have been" or "must have". Often it is pure guesswork. Of course that is not very satisfying but Elisabeth Norton usually keeps her guesswork in the realm of common sense and does not present the reader with wild guess. Elisabeth Norton describes Jane as an intelligent and shrewd woman who managed to attract the king and kept her place as Queen trying to repudiate her reputation as the meek and mousy Queen Consort. That she was intelligent most authors agree. She was coached for sure, but she when alone with the King she was on her own. But shrewd and political she was not. When she tried to venture into politics the King quite clearly set the boundaries. She was not on the level of Catherine of Aragon, Anne Boleyn or Katherine Parr. Even though Jane was credited with having caused the King to reconcile with his elder daughter Mary, the fact is that the King did not allow a reversal of policies and first demanded and got the total submission of Mary. Jane was left with the good intentions. But Jane understood the rules of the game. She was afraid of the King, as properly quite a few were and that for good reasons. The key of her was her submissiveness. She was conventional in nearly all aspects as Anna Boleyn was not. Jane was fulfilling the expectations for a female of her time and class while her predecessor Anna Boleyn was the fascinating outsider. Elisabeth Norton's book is a nice enough read, an easy read, but it lacks in depth and new insights. Elisabeth Norton does not get close enough to Jane Seymour. Antonia Fraser devotes 40 pages on Jane in her book "The wives of Henry VIII" and one gets a much better understanding of Queen Jane. It is not a bad book, but I would rate it 3 stars. It is definitely not the last word on Queen Jane.

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