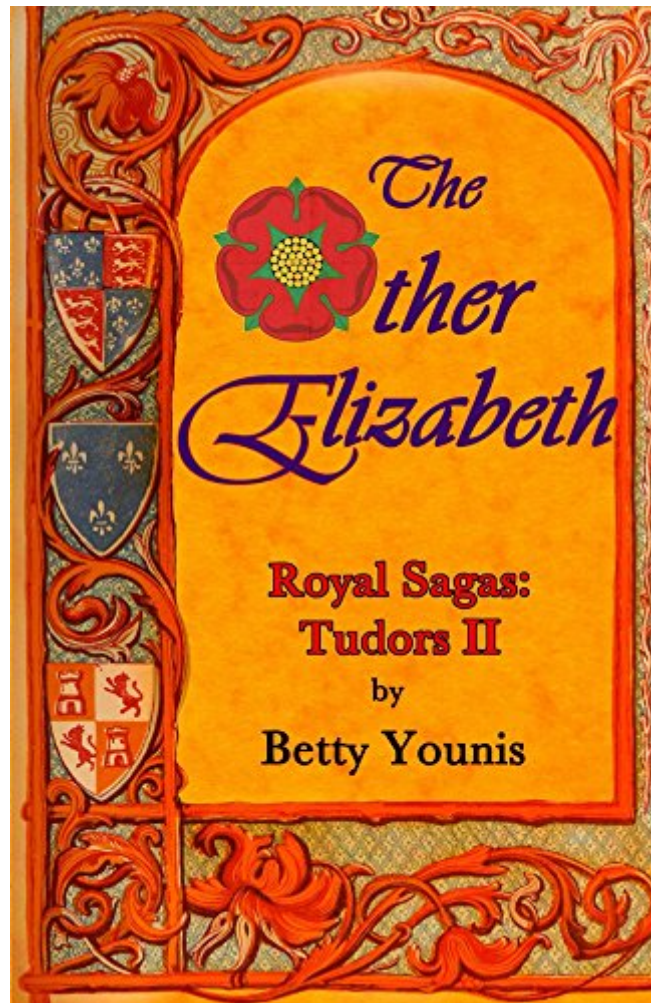




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Customer Reviews

I liked this book but loved the first. This book focused more on Elizabeth I as an adult. The author portrays her as a kind woman whose life was jaded by the execution of her mother. No surprise here. What was a surprise was how the author portrayed the queen as a benevolent aunt/great aunt to the children of Elizabeth whom Henry VIII grew up with, was pre contracted to, and fathered a daughter with prior to his marriage to Katherine, his brother's widow. History shows Elizabeth I as a woman who would not marry or name an heir for fear of losing her crown/power. For the queen to

uncover an entire family fathered by Henry VIII and not be suspicious was uncharacteristic yet made for an enjoyable read. What kept my interest was the author's ability to paint a vivid picture of the era and the characters. The story ends in a cliff hanger so I am looking forward to reading the third and last book of this series. A worthwhile read.

I found the storyline a nice switch to Elizabeth's Royal Court life. It gave an air of realism to her life and decisions. Enjoyed the book very much.

And I mean none. If it weren't for the end I would rate it higher. The author is not a master, but she writes a good imaginative story, and the subject is one which has been of interest for hundreds of years. I believe there were some fictional characters in this historical novel, and they were major characters. So if the writing is any good, the reader would like to know what happened to them. I have been searching for a sequel but I can't find one or any indication that one is forthcoming. Even if there were a sequel, this kind of cliff hanger is unforgivable. It almost stopped in the middle of a sentence. Extremely abrupt. I don't think this is good writing. But as I said, the characters were interesting and well developed and the reader gets involved. But for WHAT?! Get a clue, dear author and finish your stories. I'm afraid to read another of her books!

I have enjoyed every page of this book. It is well written and sustains the reader's interest throughout. The historical context is by the way and the author's imagination is pushing credibility a bit. But so what, it is escapism at its best. Highly recommended.

Within the first few pages, Jane Grey was said to rule before Edward IV. She "ruled" for nine days after him. Not going to bother with this or the next one.

I love historial novels and the fun of actually researching which characters are actual historical figures and which are pure fiction. This was a fascinating read.

Just as great as the first. Love this author! I will be looking for more of her works.

Another great book by Betty Younis! Great historical function with lots of surprises! Most enjoyable.

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