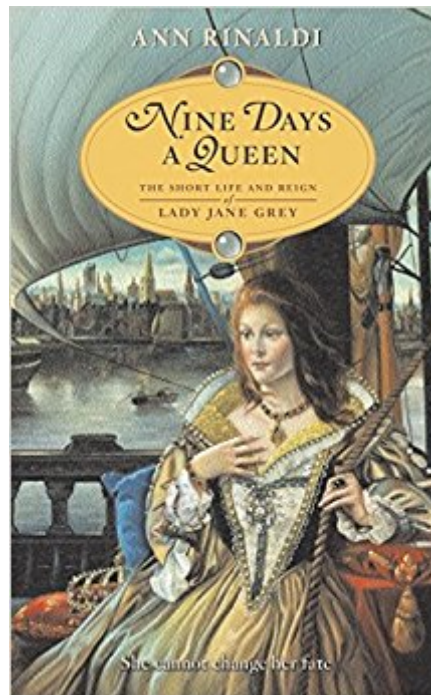




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Nine Days A Queen: The Short Life And Reign Of Lady Jane Grey



Synopsis

I had freckles. I had sandy hair. I was too short. Would my feet even touch the ground if I sat on the throne? These are the words of lady Jane Grey, as imagined by celebrated author Ann Rinaldi. Jane would become Queen of England for only nine days before being beheaded at the age of sixteen. Here is a breathtaking story of English royalty with its pageantry, privilege, and surprising cruelty. As she did in her previous novel *Mutiny's Daughter*, Ms. Rinaldi uses powerful, evocative writing to bring to life a teenage girl caught in the grip of stirring times. Ages 12+

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Gr. 6-8. Lady Jane Grey speaks from beyond the grave to tell her convoluted story, which Rinaldi does her best to simplify. Jane, related to the Tudors through her mother, becomes third in line to the throne following the death of her cousin, King Edward. Unfortunately, Jane is betrothed to the son of a nobleman who is determined to keep Mary, who is Catholic, from assuming the throne. Finagling puts Jane on the throne for nine days--after which she is beheaded. This well-known end to Jane's story takes up a small part of the book; a greater part recounts her life of privilege; her friendship with her cousins Edward, Mary, and Elizabeth; and happy times spent away from her cruel parents. Numerous details about food, clothing, and amusements decorate the story.

Knowledge of English history will certainly be helpful to understand the politics, but this works well as the story of a young woman buffeted by events, whose few moments of happiness are her most valuable possession. Ilene CooperCopyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved
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“The combination of pageantry and maneuvering will likely appeal to fans of historical romance.” (The Bulletin of the Center for Children’s Books) “Rinaldi introduces readers to a tragic figure in British history, bringing her to life in an approachable and readable format. [A] captivating saga.” (VOYA) “Powerfully written in the first person, this well-researched historical novel is extraordinary.” (Dallas Morning News) “This novel is a must for history lovers but still relates to teenagers of today.” (Romantic Times BOOKclub)

I was a little disappointed when I got the book seeing how small it is. I got a paperback almost as small as a pocket book. I guess that is what I should have expected for the price. Anyway, it is a great reading for a small trip. The narration is done by the teenage Royal center of the story, so I would recommend it for a young reader. A few months ago I learned about this story by watching a ballet performance and was intrigued enough to want to learn more about the historical facts. It was worth it. It makes a very light reading but it grabs you with all the intrigues, plots, loneliness and unfairness that young royals in line to a throne may have experienced in a place like the English Court.

I have this book in my classroom library, and the girls absolutely love it. It’s so exciting to see them plow through it and turn around and push it onto their friends. Studying the Tudor line recently as upperschoolers, the girls remembered studying them in middle school and had a lively discussion remembering Nine Days a Queen.

Product arrived timely and as described. I haven’t yet read the book. Thank you, Gera

Poor Jane Seymour didn’t want to be queen, But her family didn’t give her a choice. Did she survive their manipulation, NO.

I loved this book. So sad what happened to Jane Grey. It illustrates a wonderful & vivid story of her life & her emotions.

The book arrived in excellent condition. We love Ann Rinaldi’s books, and this is no exception. We’ll learn a little more about England!

Looking forward to reading this book over the summer with so many others I have ordered recently. I know the story and I'm looking forward to reading this version as I really like historical novels.

This is a very well written novel written in the first person about the life of Lady Jane Grey. The young girl who was Queen of England for nine days. It is a sad story, because the truth be told, Lady Jane's story is a sad one. However, the author does an excellent job of weaving in court intrigue of the time period and making us really feel for Lady Jane. Unfortunately, for Lady Jane, her mother was an evil woman who mistreated her horribly, simple because Lady Jane was good. Lady Jane enjoyed reading books and had no ambitions for stealing the crown from the rightful heir, "Bloody" Mary. However, her mother decided otherwise. And in the end, her mother simply became part of the court of Mary with no outward manifestation of her being at all resentful that Mary killed her daughter. Truth to be told, she was probably glad of it. I've read several books by Ann Rinaldi, and as always, I'm amazed by how well she brings history to life in her novels and she really captures the human experience of it all.

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