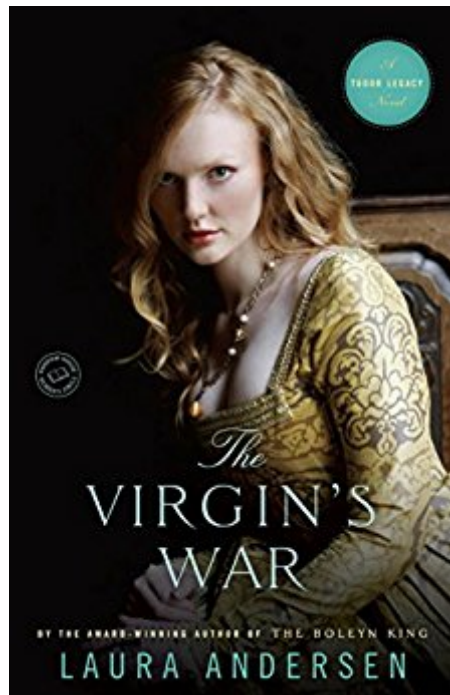




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The Virgin's War: A Tudor Legacy Novel



Synopsis

Perfect for fans of Philippa Gregory and Alison Weir, *The Virgin's War* is award-winning author Laura Andersen's gripping conclusion in the trilogy about the next generation of Tudor royals, bringing to life the drama and intrigue of Queen Elizabeth I; her daughter, Anabel, the Princess of Wales; and two countries locked in a battle for the ages. As the Spanish Armada approaches Irish shores, Elizabeth I feels the full burden of her royal office. She must not let England fall to her former husband, King Philip of Spain. And Princess Anabel, their daughter, has yet to declare with whom her allegiance and her support lie. Exiled Stephen Courtenay is in France with his brother, Kit, who has his own reasons for avoiding England. But rumblings of war, a sinister plot, and their loyalty to the crown call them home. Yet not even Pippa Courtenay, their sister, gifted with divine sight, can foresee the grave danger that awaits them all. As Queen Elizabeth commits her riches, her honor, and her people to the approaching conflict, she will risk everything—even her life—to preserve England's freedom. Find your next book club pick, read special features, and more. Join the Random House Reader's Circle. Praise for *The Virgin's War*: "If you can't manage without HBO's *Game of Thrones* . . . this Shakespearean-era fantasy may be your cup of tea. . . . This volume imagines that Queen Elizabeth, known as 'The Virgin Queen' actually wasn't one—but married King Philip of Spain. When the couple becomes estranged, their daughter Princess Annabel must choose her alliance. It's a quandary that makes the clash between the Starks and the Lannisters look tame." —*New York Post* "Not only has Andersen created a believable world, but characters readers have taken to heart. There is intrigue, passion, family drama, loyalty, sadness and great joy within these pages. As the novel moves quickly and intelligently to its climax, [Laura] Andersen fans will rejoice!" —*RT Book Reviews* From the Trade Paperback edition.

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Customer Reviews

I thought this was the best of the books in the series of the Boleyns. I became a fan after The Boleyn King but the books keep getting better and better. Between the attachment of Annabel and Kit to the begins of war between Spain and England to Pippys story it's hard to put the book down. The ending I thought was excellent and I would be happy if it was the end of the story, but I'm hoping that Ms. Andersen decides to write more.

I may be partial but I really enjoy Laura's books. There's a good mix of characters you love (or lust) and others you love to hate. Sometimes the story goes where you want it to and sometimes Laura throws you a "No! Why'd he do that?" Beautiful (in MY mind) strong women and decent, honorable men. Laura takes you to real places with real people with lots of twists. My favorite line in the book? "Queen of Scotland! When did that happen?!"

Love these books. Overall very good, could not put this series down, just like the 1st one. Took me a week to read all 3! Love the approach of an alternative history, a great what if, if history was re written.

I loved how all the plots got nicely tied together - and how cleverly all the obstacles were solved. I'm absolutely in love with every ship and plot twist and the stunning writing.

I am a history buff and hate historical inaccuracies in books. But as the author never claimed this novel was historical fact (I am looking at you Phillippa Gregory) I was able to enjoy the story very much. I would not recommend reading this however if you have not already read the other books in

this series - it would be too confusing. The author does a good job of wrapping up her alternate tale of the Tudor family and bringing the story to a satisfying conclusion.

I love Laura Andersen's style of writing and like all of her other books, I found this one extremely hard to put down! I hope she will continue to write other novels based on this period of history. She's an outstanding author!

How the change of a few key elements from history can bring about an entirely different story. Great imagination and imagery. I completely enjoyed all three books in the trilogy. An outstanding read!

This was a perfect end of one of my most loved book series. I just wish she would continue with anabel's children.

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