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"There are few accepted facts about Anne's life. Virtually everything is still in dispute, from her date of birth to her appearance. Henry VIII's love letters to Anne were stolen in her lifetime by secret agents of the Vatican. Other documents were destroyed during the reign of Bloody Mary. Much of the case against Anne is based on the reports of those who were her enemies. We cannot trust the mythology."—from the Introduction

Anne Boleyn

A New Life of England's Tragic Queen

By **Joanna Denny**

No queen has made more impact on the history of England than Anne Boleyn, yet most accounts of her life thus far have been passed down to us by her detractors. Denny's biography offers a bold new interpretation of Boleyn, demonstrating that she wasn't the evil temptress of myth, but rather a devout Protestant, an intellectual, and a dutiful queen. In an effort to show that Boleyn was "the innocent victim of a campaign of malicious disinformation, the target in a bloody game of court factions," Denny asks the questions that history hasn't bothered to ask: Was Boleyn really a "jezebel and sorceress" who schemed her way to the throne? Was she really guilty of adultery? Of witchcraft? Was she deformed? How could such a woman have won and held the love of a King for more than a decade?

Drawing on numerous documents of the time—including Henry VIII's passionate love letters to Anne—Joanna Denny sheds new light on the Tudor court and offers, at last, an accurate assessment of a woman who, bullied, berated, and beheaded, forever changed a nation from within.

Joanna Denny was born near Hever Castle—Anne Boleyn's home in Kent, England. She has degrees in history, government, and theology. Her interest in Tudor history was triggered by research into her ancestor, Sir Anthony Denny, who was Henry VIII's closest servant in his last days. The author of a fictional trilogy on the Tudors, this is her first work of non-fiction. She lives on the Cornish coast of England.

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"Effectively setting this scene of high-stakes intrigue...brilliantly evoking Henry's bullish intensity...Denny lucidly catalogues the technicalities of Henry's seven-year legal struggle to make Anne his wife and how Anne fell from favor when she failed to produce a male heir...Denny's defense of Anne is coherent and thoroughly readable."—Publishers Weekly