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Crown of Blood The Deadly Inheritance of Lady Jane Grey

Nicola Tallis

Keynote

Nicola Tallis's dramatic retelling of an often misread tale reveals the moving, human story of Lady Jane Grey.

Description

Good people, I am come hither to die, and by a law I am condemned to the same.

These were the words uttered by the seventeen-year-old Lady Jane Grey as she stood on the scaffold awaiting death on a cold February morning in 1554. Forced onto the throne by the great power players at court, Queen Jane reigned for just thirteen tumultuous days before being imprisoned in the Tower, condemned for high treason and executed.

In this dramatic retelling of an often misread tale, historian and researcher Nicola Tallis explores a range of evidence that has never before been used in a biography to sweep away the many myths and reveal the moving, human story of an extraordinarily intelligent, independent and courageous young woman.

Sales Points

- Alison Weir described it as 'Vivid, colourful, pacy and evocative' and Kate Williams said it was 'gripping'.
- A dramatic and significant retelling of an often misread tale
- Examines evidence that has never before been used in a biography, including Jane's own letter and prayers, jewel inventory and legal documents
- Challenges popular myths, including the demonization of Jane's mother and Jane's own motivations
- Nicola Tallis is a historian and researcher, and is available for PR
- **Comparable titles:**
The Lost Tudor Princess by Alison Weir
Tudor: The Family Story by Leanda de Lisle
Blood Sisters by Sarah Gristwood
The Hollow Crown by Dan Jones

Reviews

- 'A stunning debut' - *The Spectator*
- 'Poignant' - *The New York Times*
- 'Tallis's clear writing and well-paced narrative heighten the story's climactic and tragic ending.' - *Publishers Weekly*
- 'A highly intelligent and enjoyable study which brings us as close to a flesh-and-blood Lady Jane Grey as we may ever come.' - *History Today*

Author Biography

Nicola Tallis is a historian and researcher. She has previously lectured at the University of Winchester and worked with Historic Royal Palaces and the National Trust, as well as at Sudeley Castle, where Lady Jane Grey lived for a time, alongside Katherine Parr. As a researcher, Nicola has worked with many great writers, including Alison Weir and Sir Ranulph Fiennes. *Crown of Blood* is the result of five years of research on the Grey family and is her first book.