



CROWN OF BLOOD

THE DEADLY INHERITANCE OF
LADY JANE GREY

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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.

Praise for *Crown of Blood*:

'Stunning...Tallis narrates these dramatic events with all the verve and excitement that they deserve' - *The Spectator*

'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*

'A stunning debut from a young historian who deserves to be recognized as a major talent in her field. It's history as it should be written, vivid, colourful, pacy and evocative, but - above all - authentic and based on sound and innovative research.' - *Alison Weir*

NICOLA TALLIS is a historian and researcher and has worked with many great writers, including Alison Weir and Sir Ranulph Fiennes. She has previously lectured at the University of Winchester and worked with Historic Royal Palaces and the National Trust. *Crown of Blood* is the result of five years of research on the Grey family and is her first book. Nicola is passionate about bringing history alive for young people and her new book is aimed to make Tudor history as accessible as possible for all.



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