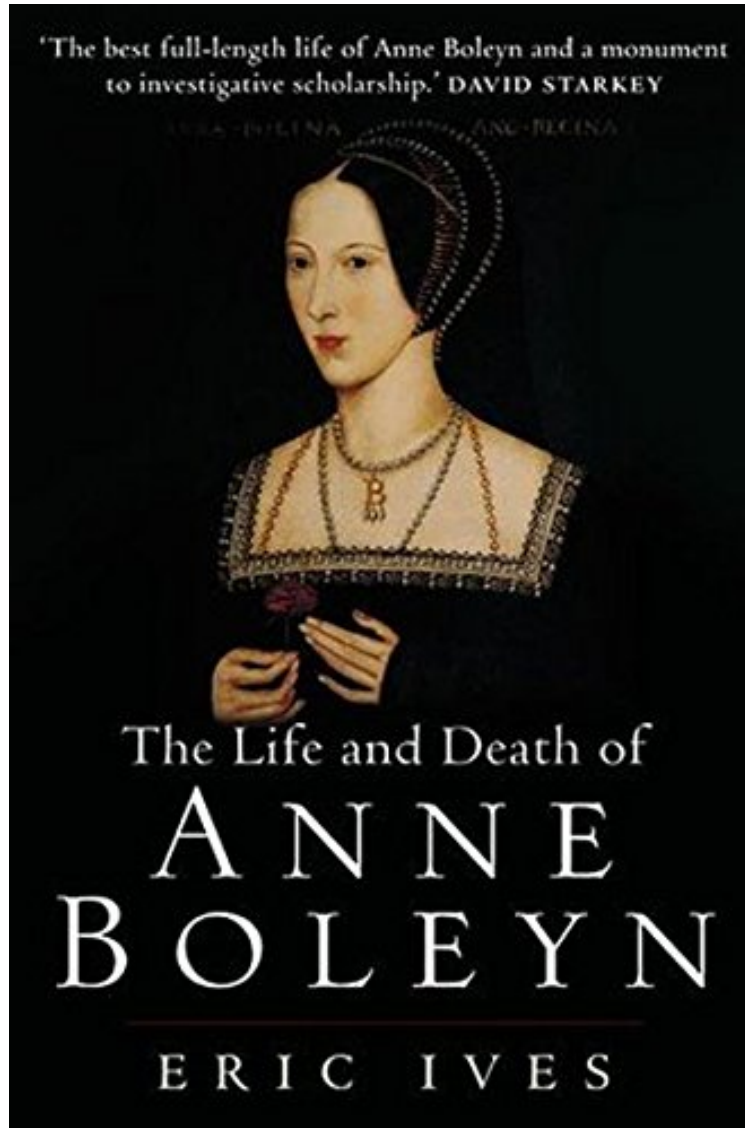


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true are fascinatingly documented arguments based on minute research and knowledge of the era and customs. There is something for everyone in this book. First, of course, there is Anne Boleyn who has to be one of the most interesting women to have ever lived. And there is the world of her upbringing (she not being highly visible until Henry got interested in her and even then she is masked in a swirl of propaganda), the politics and culture of the Tudor Court, European politics, and many of the players including Henry, Cromwell, Wolsey, Anne's family, Katherine of Aragon, Mary Tudor. The book includes a deep exploration of belief and philosophical outlook and 16th century perceptions of the world that are so different then our own. There is also costume, dress, illuminated books, ceremonies, and jewelry. And the love story that went so wrong so fast but left a lasting imprint 500 years later.<sup>2</sup> of 2 people found the following review helpful. If You're Looking For Detail, You Won't Be Disappointed By Beverly Diehl An exhaustive (and sometimes exhausting) look at the Queen who changed the course of English and world history. What this book does very well is examine all the minutiae we have of the Anne Boleyn period, from inventories of plate and bed hangings, to portraits and jewelry. And it dissects and analyzes all the accounts we have of this happening and that, judging why this account based on rumor is likely to be true, and why the other may not. Where it failed for me is conveying an emotional connection to Anne Boleyn herself. It feels a bit cold, and detached, and parts are tedious - pages upon pages about each cup and prayer book, though if you're fascinated by such things, you'll be in antique heaven. Still, there are many, many details here I've not found in other books about Anne or this period, so it's invaluable as a reference. It takes the point of view that Anne's downfall was due more to Cromwell seeing her as a threat and taking her and her "party" out of the way, than by the King seeking to dispose of her in order to marry Jane Seymour (not that he wasted any time doing so). Definitely belongs on the shelf of all Tudor-philes.<sup>2</sup> of 2 people found the following review helpful. The Anne Boleyn Bible By MGL This book is known as the Anne Boleyn bible. It is the go to book for anything about Anne Boleyn. There are those who may not agree with Ives conclusions but I think he supported his ideas well. I would suggest buying this book in hard copy because if you are interested in Anne Boleyn this is a book you will want to read more than once. It is quoted by all Anne Boleyn scholars. The passing of Eric Ives was a great loss to the Historical community. Who was responsible for Anne's fall? Ives will give you a lot of information to think about. Beautifully researched. A must have book for any Anne Boleyn enthusiast. You do not have to be a scholar to understand this treasure.

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