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The tragic story of Lady Jane Grey who was Queen of England for nine days in July 1553. Jane grew up watching her cousins in training as heirs to the throne, little imagining that by a twist of fate she would one day be crowned. But this is Tudor England where nobody plays fair, and even a queen isn't safe from those who wish her harm.

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Jessica says

I've always found Lady Jane to be fascinating and mysterious, as very little seems to be known about her before her marriage (and, as the historical note mentions, even what is known about anything in her life may be only half true).

I enjoyed the unique perspective of the book, not only because it is from Jane's point of view, but also because some characters are portrayed in a different light than usual. However, there are times when she comes off as a whiny brat. She spends more than a little of the book complaining about her cousins (frequently comparing them to herself and how much better of a person she is than they are) and mother, while praising her beloved Nurse. It gets old after a bit. While I know most decisions were completely out of her hands as both a child and a girl, there are very few moments when she seems to even really know what's going on around her.

Not a bad book overall, just not really above average.

Brooklyn Tayla says

Okay, it's not that this book was bad, it had its moments that I really enjoyed, however, I found that it lagged in places and there were definitely some gaps, especially as I reached the ending. I was like, 'oh, is that all?'

What I did like about the book was its structure, it was entirely presented in diary format, chronicling the brief life of Lady Jane Grey, nine day English Queen.

I felt that the book connected the reader to Jane, we saw everything through her eyes and we were essentially reading her thoughts throughout; I liked how the author characterised Jane, I felt it made her relatable, and even though I don't know how accurate this book was, I thought some of it was definitely plausible – she was definitely used as a pawn by her father and family in order to elevate their gain, as many young girls were used for that same purpose in the Tudor time; and although we'll never really know if Jane loved Guildford, her betrothed and forced husband (in this book and in my own research I've done, I'm lead to think not), but this book painted their relationship to be forced, but through the tragic circumstances that both found themselves in, a part of me thinks that perhaps they might've grown fond of one another.

I've read many a book, both fictional and non, on Lady Jane Grey, and I'll keep reading more. I'm fascinated with her as a historical figure, and she makes for some brilliant reading.

This book however, I'm not quite sure what my problem was with it. I liked the bookishness of her character, I liked that it was told in her diary format; I think it would be perfect for a child to read, it's an ideal introduction to Tudor history. But as an older reader, I felt that perhaps the writing was slightly sugar coated, and it doesn't properly explain the ending; Which for my fellow Tudor history fans, will know.

All in all, it was the book that got me back into Tudor fiction, so I'm happy for that, even if it wasn't the best read.

Flowergirl says

I love this book so much. Lady Jane is so young. She has such a hard life. She makes many friends. Poor King Edward he was sick a lot. This is probably my favourite book of the my royal story series.

Favourite quote: "Will we always be friends?" I asked her. "Always." she said. Page 59.

Kinsey Crosby says

This book was amazing, it really opened my eyes to what really happened before and during the events of Jane's reign

Izzy says

I love this book I had lots of questions about Lady Jane Grey and this book answered all of them!! I love lady Janes attitude and how she did what she believed was right! I think that it's evil she was killed even though she didn't want to be queen!!

Heather says

This is a wonderful little series, giving young teens an in-depth introduction to both famous people and important historical events. In this book the reader follows the short, tragic life of Jane Grey from the age of ten when she is given a diary to write in. Her courage and bravery is apparent as she becomes an unwilling pawn in the hands of greedy, powerful men, and to the end she remains steadfast in her religious beliefs. An interesting read.

Grace Sargeant says

I thought it was good :)

Sara says

This book was very good! Better than I expected it to be Lady Jane Grey lives in Turbulent times. Lady Jane is a great character and can be really fun at times but in the end poor Lady Jane got executed along with her husband and she wasn't 17 yet. She had a chance to switch from Protestantism to Catholicism but she refused and was very brave at the end. She has the most loyal friends too Elizabeth Tilney and Mistress Ellen her parents always hit her though in my opinion they were to harsh on her at times besides that she still worked well at her studies. This is the first My Story book I've seen with a full body of a girl on the cover. This cover is beautiful too!

Naomi says

It was pretty good. Nothing special. Written for a young audience.

Polly Watson says

Yes, I read another book about Lady Jane Grey. And?!

Sue Reid's version of LADY JANE GREY is told through the perspective of Jane herself, in diary form. The reader is incredibly limited in details given as, it appears, Jane must have been. She was a young girl in a world that was changing by leaps and bounds faster than anyone had time to absorb. What wasn't changing was the power parents had over their children, so Jane had to do what her parents told her. That brings to question, then, how much Jane knew of what was going on to make her queen and how much she was kept in the dark and truly was surprised when she was told she was queen--and that she had no choice but to accept.

As I mentioned previously, I have always been extremely fascinated with Lady Jane Grey, the Nine-Days Queen. She may have been queen of England for only 9 days total, but she made a powerful impact in the history books--enough so that people like me continue to be curious about her and want to know as much as we possibly can about the very young woman who became queen of England for a grand total of 9 whole days.
