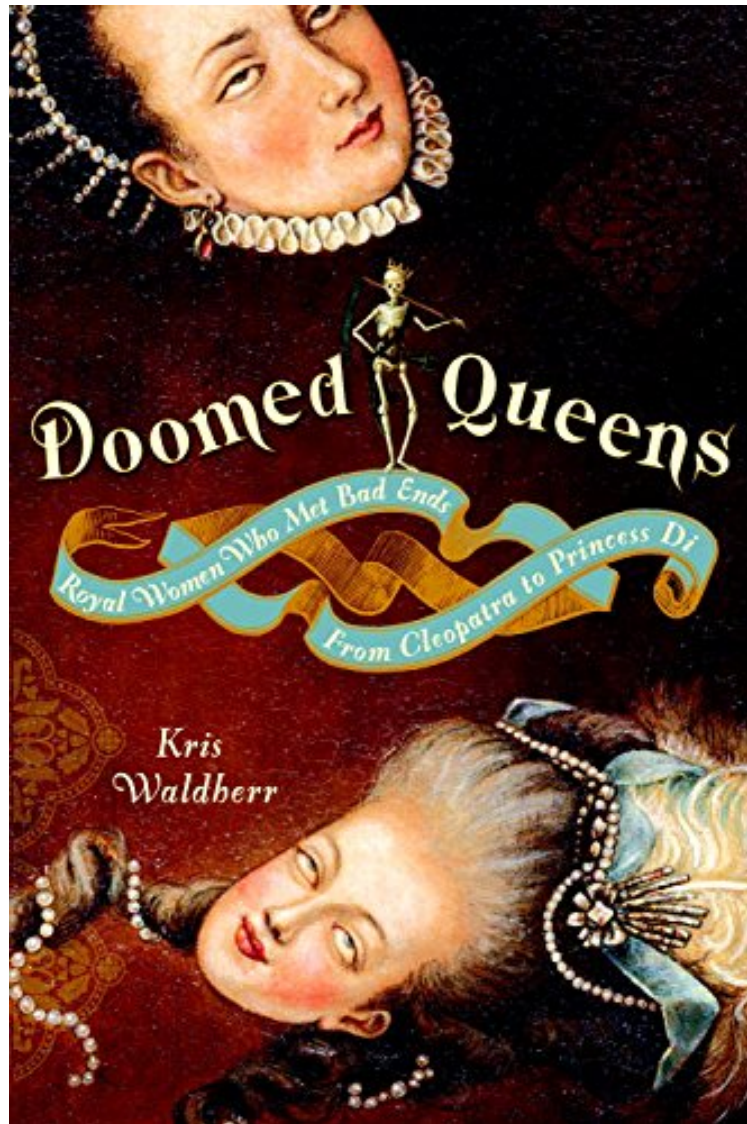


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Royal Women who met bad ends. From Cleopatra to Princess Di gelesen habe, wurde nicht mehr lange berlegt, sondern kurzerhand gekauft. Ich mag Geschichte, war eins meiner liebsten Fächer in der Schule. Und wenn ich dann noch an Geschichtsbücher gerate, die an das Vergangene mit einem sehr interessanten Blickwinkel rangehen, muss ich dieses Buch einfach lesen! Inhalt und Meinung Illicit love, madness, betrayal - it isn't always good to be the queen. Doomed Queens besteht im Großen und Ganzen aus kurzen, meist 2-seitigen Portraits von Frauen, die zu den Mächtigen, Schönen und Reichen gehörten, für die sich dieser Umstand aber mit einem mehr oder weniger unschönen Ende revanchierte. Eingeteilt sind die Portraits nach Zeitaltern. Was ich ganz toll fand, war, dass nicht nur berühmte Persönlichkeiten wie Olympias, Cleopatra, Anne Boleyn und Kaiserin Elisabeth vorgestellt werden, sondern auch solche, von deren Schicksal man als Nicht-Studierter vorher noch nie gehört hat. Blanche von Bourbon zum Beispiel wurde von ihrem Mann in einen Turm gesperrt - hat was von Rapunzel. ;) Außerdem habe ich unter anderem erfahren, dass Margarita Theresa von Spanien jenes fünf-jährige Mädchen war, das Velazquez in seinem Gemälde Las Meninas verewigt hat. Insgesamt 50 Portraits, dazu noch allgemeine Informationen zu den jeweiligen Todesarten und oft seitengroße Zeichnungen (teilweise von der Autorin selbst), das ganze in einer sehr unterhaltenden Sprache gehalten. Doomed Queens ist ganz sicher kein trockener Geschichts-Unterricht, wie ihn so mancher aus der Schulzeit kennt, aber trotzdem ein Buch, das mit seinem informativen Charakter aufwarten kann. Zum Kapitelende gibt es immer ein End-of-chapter Quiz or: What we have learned so far. Diese Idee finde ich sehr nett, zumal es Kris Waldherr laut Vorwort bei ihrem Buch auch darum geht, hervorzuheben, dass man es als Frau nie leicht haben wird, in der Gesellschaft aufzusteigen - und dass solch ein Aufstieg oft auch gar nicht unbedingt erreichbar ist. Ganz zum Schluss kann man dann selbst noch den Test machen mit dem abschließenden Quiz: Are you a doomed queen? Ich für meinen Teil bin definitiv keine, habe stolze 0 Punkte erreicht. ;) Weitere Informationen, Videos, Leseproben usw. findet ihr auf der Website des Buches: [DoomedQueens.com](http://DoomedQueens.com) von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Courtesy of Teens Read Too Von TeensReadToo DOOMED QUEENS recounts the tales of numerous unfortunate queens. Some of these women died unhappily in exile or imprisoned, while others met more unfortunate ends such as suicide or assassination. Readers will meet over fifty queens who met their doom. The timeline of queens discussed range from the biblical era of Athaliah to modern day Princess Diana. They are arranged by time periods and drafted in short and often humorous biographical information. How would their lives have been different if they had been male? A wonderful, entertaining non-fiction book for those curious about royalty, or a perfect sidekick for a fairy tale or royal novel. Reviewed by: Jennifer Rummel

Kurzbeschreibung Illicit love, madness, betrayal--it isn't always good to be the queen Marie Antoinette, Anne Boleyn, and Mary, Queen of Scots. What did they have in common? For a while they were crowned in gold, cosseted in silk, and flattered by courtiers. But in the end, they spent long nights in dark prison towers and were marched to the scaffold where they surrendered their heads to the executioner. And they are hardly alone in their undignified demises. Throughout history, royal women have had a distressing way of meeting bad ends--dying of starvation, being burned at the stake, or expiring in childbirth while trying desperately to produce an heir. They always had to be on their toes and all too often even devious plotting, miraculous pregnancies, and selling out their sisters was not enough to keep them from forcible consignment to religious orders. From Cleopatra (suicide by asp), to Princess Caroline (suspiciously poisoned on her coronation day), there's a gory downside to being blue-blooded when you lack a Y chromosome. Kris Waldherr's elegant little book is a chronicle of the trials and tribulations of queens across the ages, a quirky, funny, utterly macabre tribute to the dark side of female empowerment. Over the course of fifty irresistibly illustrated and too-brief lives, Doomed Queens charts centuries of regal backstabbing and intrigue. We meet well-known figures like Catherine of Aragon, whose happy marriage to Henry VIII ended prematurely when it became clear that she was a starter wife--the first of six. And we meet forgotten queens like Amalasantha, the notoriously literate Ostrogoth princess who overreached politically and was strangled in her bath. While their ends were bleak, these queens did not die without purpose. Their unfortunate lives are colorful cautionary tales for today's would-be power brokers--a legacy of worldly and womanly wisdom gathered one spectacular regal ruin at a time. Pressestimmen "A smart, sassy overview of the 'dark side' of the crown and scepter. It makes a girl glad she was born a commoner." --Robin Maxwell, bestselling author of Mademoiselle Boleyn "A fascinating journey through thousands of years of the world's most dangerous job -- being queen!" --Eleanor Herman, author of Sex with the Queen Kurzbeschreibung Illicit love, madness, betrayal--it isn't always good to be the queen Marie Antoinette, Anne Boleyn, and Mary, Queen of Scots. What did they have in common? For a while they were crowned in gold, cosseted in silk, and flattered by courtiers. But in the end, they spent long nights in dark prison towers and were marched to the scaffold where they surrendered their heads to the executioner. And they are hardly alone in their undignified demises. Throughout history, royal women have had a distressing way of meeting bad ends--dying of starvation, being burned at the stake, or expiring in childbirth while trying desperately to produce an heir. They always had to be on their toes and all too often even devious plotting, miraculous pregnancies, and selling out their sisters was not enough to keep them from forcible

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