

APPENDICES

SYNOPSIS OF NOVELS

The Other Boleyn Girl by Philippa Gregory

The Other Boleyn Girl is a novel about two Boleyn girls, both of whom love the same man. The man is the King of England, whose name is Henry VIII. Mary Boleyn is the younger sister of the Boleyn girls. At first, King Henry is attracted to Mary Boleyn. Eventhough Mary has already got a husband, he does not care about it. He still wants to have her as his mistress because he wants a son. From his Queen, he does not have a son. Yet, the King must have a son to replace him after he dies.

After Mary becomes the King's mistress and has given two children, a daughter and a son, for the King, her father and her uncle ask her to become a Queen. Yet, she refuses it because she does not want to betray her own Queen. Suddenly, Anne, who is Mary's sister becomes Mary's rival to draw the King's attention. Anne wants to take over Mary's place as the King's favorite girl because she has an ambition to become the Queen of England.

At the beginning, Mary and Anne have a harmonious relationship. Yet, in the middle of the story, their relationship becomes ruined when Anne turns to be an obsessive girl. Anne is willing to do thing in order to become the Queen of

England. Although she knows that she will hurt her own sister, Anne does not care about it.

After Anne becomes the Queen of England, she still cannot give the King a son. Therefore, she does everything in order to maintain her position as the Queen. She conducts an incestuous affair with George, her brother. She does that in order to have a son. Yet, the King finds out about it and thus decides to execute Anne.

BIOGRAPHY OF AUTHORS

Philippa Gregory is a New York Times bestselling author of over eight historical fiction books, including The Other Boleyn Girl (2001) and The Boleyn Inheritance (2006). She was born in 09 January 1954, Kenya, she moved to England with her family and lives there. She was educated in Bristol and at the National Council for Training of Journalists course in Cardiff. She worked as a senior reporter on the Portsmouth News, and as a journalist and producer for BBC radio. Philippa obtained a BA degree in history at the University of Sussex in Brighton and a PhD at Edinburgh University in 18th century literature.

Her first novel, Wideacre (1987), was written as she completed her PhD and became an instant world-wide bestseller. On its publication, she became a full-time writer. Her knowledge of gothic eighteenth century novels led to the world-wide success of Wideacre, which was followed by a haunting sequel: The Favored Child (1989), and the delightful happy ending of the trilogy: Meridon (1990). This novel was listed in the Romantic Novel of the year at the same time.

In her later novels, she pioneered the genre which becomes her own: a fictional biography, the true story of a real person brought life with painstaking research and passionate verve. The flowering of this new style was undoubtedly The Other Boleyn Girl, a best-seller which stormed the US market and then went worldwide telling the story of the little known sister to Anne Boleyn. This novel is becoming a classic historical novel, winning the Parker Pen Novel of the Year Award 2002, and the Romantic Times fictional biography award. This story was adapted for the BBC as a single television drama and a film.