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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

As youngest daughter to the Spanish monarchs and crusaders King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella, Catalina, princess of Wales and of Spain, was promised to the English Prince Arthur when she was three. She leaves Spain at 15 to fulfill her destiny as queen of England, where she finds true love with Arthur (after some initial sourness) as they plot the future of their kingdom together. Arthur dies young, however, leaving Catalina a widow and ineligible for the throne. Before his death, he extracts a promise from his wife to marry his younger brother Henry in order to become queen anyway, have children and rule as they had planned, a situation that can only be if Catalina denies that Arthur was ever her lover. Gregory's latest (after *Earthly Joys*) compellingly dramatizes how Catalina uses her faith, her cunning and her utter belief in destiny to reclaim her rightful title. By alternating tight third-person narration with Catalina's unguarded thoughts and gripping dialogue, the author presents a thorough, sympathetic portrait of her heroine and her transformation into Queen Katherine. Gregory's skill for creating suspense pulls the reader along despite the historical novel's foregone conclusion.

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Review

"In her addictive new novel, [Gregory] turns her eye to Katherine of Aragon, a princess who became Queen of England -- all by dint of a well-kept secret."

-- *Marie Claire*

"Gregory's story is as ambitious as its main character...."

-- *Entertainment Weekly*

"Gregory makes the broad sweep of history vibrant and intimate."

-- *Kirkus Reviews*

About the Author

Philippa Gregory is the author of many bestselling novels, including *The Other Boleyn Girl*, and is a recognized authority on women's history. Her Cousins' War novels are the basis for the critically acclaimed STARZ miniseries *The White Queen*. Her most recent novel is *Three Sisters, Three Queens*. She graduated from the University of Sussex and received a PhD from the University of Edinburgh, where she is a Regent. She holds two honorary degrees from Teesside University and the University of Sussex. She is a fellow of the Universities of Sussex and Cardiff and was awarded the 2016 Harrogate Festival Award for Contribution to Historical Fiction. She welcomes visitors to her website, PhilippaGregory.com.

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