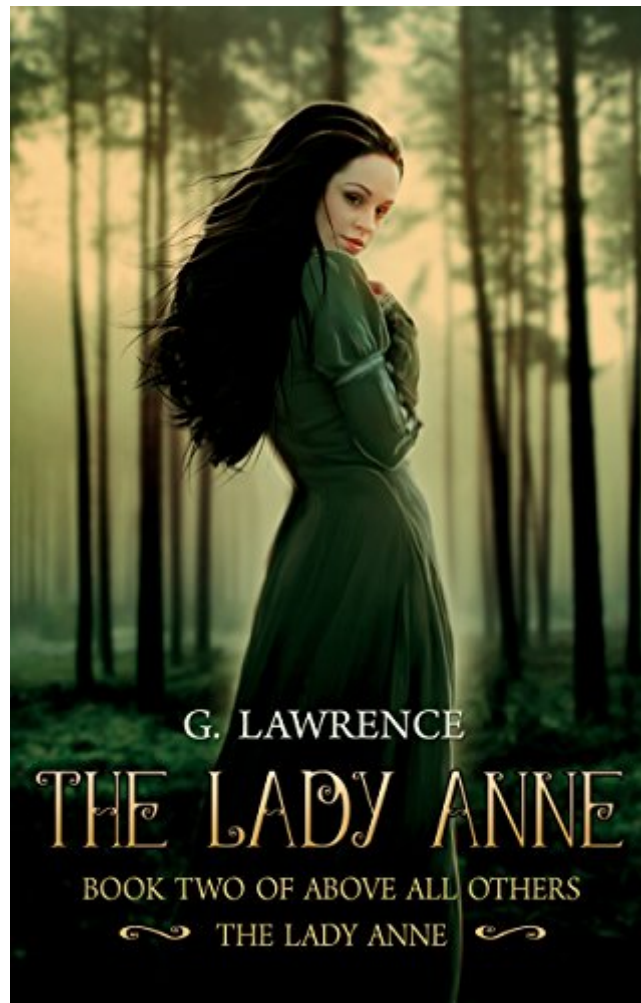




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1522, England. Anne Boleyn has lived an adventurous youth in the glittering courts of Europe, now, promised in marriage to a man she knows nothing of, Anne has been called home by her ambitious father. She will enter the English Court, to find many admirers courting her. Anne finds potential for love in three men, but there is one... more unexpected than all the others, who claims her heart. The beginning of a love which would change the course of English history, and shake the foundations of the Church... The courtier's daughter who captured the heart of a King; Anne Boleyn. The Lady Anne is book two of Above All Others: The Lady Anne by G.Lawrence.

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Customer Reviews

The Lady Anne is the second book in the Above All Others series about the life of Anne Boleyn by Gemma Lawrence. The first book, La Petite Boulain, which I also reviewed, concerns the early years of Anne's life, beginning with her happy childhood at Hever Castle in Kent and her education in the courts of France. This volume concerns Anne's life and loves from her return home to when she falls in love with Henry VIII. When Anne returns to England on the orders of her father, she is scheduled to become a lady-in-waiting to Queen Katherine, wife of Henry VIII.

During her first days at her family home at Hever, acclimatizing to a land she hardly knows, she meets Thomas Wyatt, a neighbor whom she played with as a child. Thomas is an accomplished poet and a close friend of King Henry and falls in love with the talented, accomplished and stylish Anne. However, he is married, and Anne rejects him, wanting to be his friend, but the rejection is taken badly and it shapes some aspects of her life at court. At court she meets the young Henry Percy, with whom she falls in love, projecting onto him some of the innocence she still feels. Their intended engagement is thwarted, and from there the inevitable unwinds when Henry notices her and becomes besotted. As with the first book, I liked the exceptional historical detail, from the food to the clothing to courtly romance, and the minutiae of life in that age – even to the way members of court and others smelled. Courtiers bathed more than most, but the fact the Queen often wore a hair shirt and how that led to her musky and repulsive odor was something new that wrinkled my nose! The politics of Henry's royal courts, which defined everyone's life and fate, is laid out in detail in terms of how it affected Anne and her family. I also found that more than with *La Petite Bougainville*, Anne becomes a rounded character, petty and venal, but also thoughtful and caring. The multiple sides of her personality made her real – not always likeable, but very human. Above all, *The Lady Anne* is a love story, one that is hard to ignore. As the attraction between Henry and Anne grows, this reader found herself shaking her head at Anne's determination to guard her honor and not become the King's mistress, as her sister had been, worrying at what Henry would do in response to her audaciousness. Even though I knew how it would turn out. Such is the power of the author's writing. *The Lady Anne* is heavy in exposition, and particularly noticeable are the dialogue dumps – conversation from one side that last a page or more. There are also repetitions of facts and ideas. I will freely admit I skipped over the repetitions and skimmed the overlong conversations. Nevertheless, the story has a fascination, especially for so for this Tudor fan, that holds one's attention. I was immersed in Anne's life more than with the first volume, and I look forward to reading the third.

I loved the first book of this trilogy: *The Petit Boleyn*, *The Lady Anne* is equally engrossing, informative and entertaining. G. Lawrence style of writing is very compelling, in this book like in the first one in the series, Anne Boleyn comes alive! I felt like I was there in the Tudor court. *Lady Anne* covers the period when Anne is back from France and has joined the English court. Even though I was familiar with many aspects of Anne Boleyn life, I learnt and enjoy many aspects of her life that I was not familiar with. 5 stars for sure. I am looking forward to the third volume of the trilogy that, I

believe is coming out next month.

I have read several books on Anne Boleyn both historical and historical fiction. This is the first book I have read that tells the story as a love story. There are theories that Anne's family pushed for her to have a relationship with Henry VIII in order to advance their own cause. This book is a true love story, in which Anne is truly in love with Henry, and he with her. I'm looking forward to book 3, to see Anne's point of view of her fall from Henry's love.

Can't wait for the third book. The first two were gripping.

I'm so happy I joined Wattpad and discovered Gemma Lawrence .. I'm anxiously awaiting the next book in this series.. Gemma is an amazing author and her life story is my soul, everything I've always wanted to become. I find her inspiring and encouraging and looking forward to reading her other novels.

Incredible! It felt as if you were there with Anne, Always goal oriented, focus was on staying a virgin. Many difficulties were presented , especially with a father obsessed with moving up in the world.

I very much enjoy the writing of this author and her personal twist on the Boleyn story. I was captivated from the beginning of the first book in this series and eagerly anticipate the next!

Loved it and looking forward to the next one! I never get tired of reading about Queen Anne.

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