

Welcome to February's expert live chat. A big thank you to Adrienne for her wonderful talk and for being here today. I thoroughly enjoyed your talk, Adrienne, so much info for those starting out or working on a novel. I do love Archive.org and British History Online. I couldn't do my research without them.

Michelle Tercha23:59

Hi, RTL! How are you?

Adrienne Dillard23:59

Thank you Lorna! It's good to see you too!

Lorna Wanstall23:59

Hi michelle

Bill Wolff23:59

Yes Adrienne, I was born and raised there. Westmoreland neighborhood.

Adrienne Dillard23:59

Thank you Claire! I love those resources as well!

Adrienne Dillard23:59

Oh how lovely Bill! Small world!

Michelle Tercha0:00

Adrienne, I LOVED The Raven's Widow! Oh, my so much I read it twice (over about a year's time).

RealTudorLady0:00

O.K. Steve is still moaning because he had the jab but he had to have it.

Michelle Tercha0:00

Hi Lorna! How are you?

Claire Ridgway0:00

Adrienne, and isn't it so moving to walk in the footsteps of your characters and see and hold things linked to them?!

Adrienne Dillard0:00

Thank you so much, Michelle, that is wonderful to hear! I'm so glad!

Claire Ridgway0:00

RTL, did he have any side effects?

Michelle Tercha0:01

Oh, I'm sorry RTL. Those shots hurt!!

RealTudorLady0:01

The Ravens Widow was fabulous. Did you have to consult with anyone on mental health issues, Adrienne?

Lorna Wanstall0:01

Yes the Internet has proved to be a very useful tool for researching during this very difficult time.. It's funny you know, but when the internet was first formed some people said they didn't think it would catch on.

Clare Shepherd0:01

Mine didn't hurt.

Claire Ridgway0:01

Adrienne, you have such a talent. You bring these people to life beautifully.

Adrienne Dillard0:01

Yes, Claire. It really is. I was so overcome holding George Boleyn's book. I started to cry in the manuscript room!

Michelle Tercha0:01

Oh, great question, RTL, thank you!

RealTudorLady0:02

No, Clairr, didn't hurt, just bled a bit which is odd.

Claire Ridgway0:02

Adrienne, I was like that with Anne's Books of Hours!

Michelle Tercha0:02

I remember that, Claire!

Claire Ridgway0:02

Hi Roland!

Lorna Wanstall0:03

Going to have the Covid jab on Wednesday.

Clare Shepherd0:03

The nurse must have caught a capillary vein RTL

Adrienne Dillard0:03

Thank you RTL! Honestly, I didn't consult with any professionals because I had my own personal experiences to work from. My mom suffers from PTSD from the death of her husband and so I relied on my experiences with her to get a feel for what it would be like.

Lamorna0:03

Good evening Claire, Adrienne and everyone. I'm also in Devon, and it has been a miserable day here but thankfully no snow!

Roland Hui0:03

Hi everyone

Claire Ridgway0:03

Hi Lamorna!

Adrienne Dillard0:03

Hi Roland and Lamorna!

Clare Shepherd0:04

Evening Lamorna

Lorna Wanstall0:04

What made you want to write about Jane B? I personally feel that you actually captured what Jane was truly like.

Clare Shepherd0:04

Hello Roland

Lorna Wanstall0:04

Hi Roland and Lamorna

Claire Ridgway0:04

Adrienne, do you write as you research or do you wait until you think you've exhausted the research element?

Roland Hui0:05

Adrienne - I love your video about seeing the artifacts for your research. Which one was your favorite?

Michelle Tercha0:05

Adrienne, I listened to your podcast interview with Rebecca Larson. You are always a great podcast listen. I am really looking forward to your new book. I hope its soon!!

RealTudorLady0:05

Thanks Adrienne, yes personal experience is often a good reference. Poor Lady Jane, though, obviously very distressed and mentally ill and old Harry passed a new law just to kill her. It was terrible.

Claire Ridgway0:05

Hi Ceri!

Adrienne Dillard0:05

Thank you Lorna. I chose to write about Jane because I just didn't feel I gave her enough credit in Cor Rotto. I treated her much better than most authors, but I still felt I was unfair to her so I wanted to go back and explore who she was and try to figure out why she may have done what she did with Katherine Howard.

Ceri Creffield0:07

Hi everyone

Michelle Tercha0:07

I'm looking forward to Jane's perspective in your new book. I'd definitely love to see that during Jane Seymour's time as queen.

Lorna Wanstall0:07

Hi Ceri

RealTudorLady0:07

How do you decide which facts to keep and what to discard in order to keep it flowing as of course you can't include everything and you have to weave it with imagination and magic?

Clare Shepherd0:07

Hello Ceri

Adrienne Dillard0:08

Claire, I wait until I feel I have exhausted the research element. I have to see the whole picture before I can piece together the why's of the story. My books have a lot to do with exploring human nature, so I'm always trying to sort out people's reasons for their actions. What drives them. I feel like I have to know all the in's and out's before I can do that.

Lamorna0:08

Lady Jane was a fascinating character, I sometimes wonder if her motive was revenge for Henry executing her husband, but we have no way of knowing what her marriage with George Boleyn was like, and whether she felt strongly enough about his death to seek revenge.

Claire Ridgway0:08

Thank you!

Adrienne Dillard0:08

Thank you, Roland! My favorite was George Boleyn's LeFevre book.

Adrienne Dillard0:09

Thank you, Michelle, so glad you enjoyed it!

Michelle Tercha0:09

Do you have a time line for the new book? I'm really wanting this...

ADMIN Tim0:10

I can add some excitement ... I have received the finalised audio back for The Raven's Widow audio book. It won't be long now...

Adrienne Dillard0:11

RTL - it's always really hard to determine what isn't necessary to tell the story...and quite honestly, it's a skill I haven't totally mastered yet. In Cor Rotto, I through everything but the kitchen sink in. I've learned with my latest novel that we don't need to know everything, just enough for flavor and those things that really motivate the characters.

Doc Clark0:11

OOOOOOOOO! Audio!

Michelle Tercha0:11

That's awesome, Tim! Adrienne, did you narrate?

Lorna Wanstall0:12

I think that Jane and George's marriage was mutually agreeable with some affection. But Jane sometimes felt she was playing gooseberry as the relationship George had with Anne was one that she didn't really understand. Perhaps if she had had siblings she would have a better understanding of the love Anne and George had for one another

RealTudorLady0:12

How do you express the point of view or criticise horrible characters? Do you use another character to do that from their point of view. For example Charles Brandon might criticise Anne Boleyn or vice versa.

Adrienne Dillard0:12

Lamorna, I think revenge could certainly be a factor. The fact that Jane wore mourning clothes until her death and petitioned to have her marriage bed restored after George's execution lends a lot of credence to the idea that she did love him. I wouldn't be surprised if revenge was a motivating factor.

Lorna Wanstall0:12  
understanding I mean  
Claire Ridgway0:12

Fiction was my first love and I'd love to write a novel but worry that I'll get bogged down in detail and will panic about things like costume, furnishings, ways people are addressed etc.!

Michelle Tercha0:13

I was fascinated by the fact she wore mourning even years later. That really tells me there was something there.

Adrienne Dillard0:13

Michelle, the new book is completed for the most part...but I still have it out to beta readers and lots of editing to do. But I'm happy you're excited for it!

RealTudorLady0:13

Thanks Adrienne.

Lorna Wanstall0:14

Claire it's easy to do I've done it a few times and then realised it's far too much detail and had to edit out reams of text

Adrienne Dillard0:14

That is excellent news, Tim! I'm so excited!! I can't wait!

Doc Clark0:14

Lorna, you said "Perhaps if she had had siblings she would have a better unstanding of the love Anne and George had for one another"

Jane Boleyn had two brothers and two sisters

Claire Ridgway0:14

Lorna, I think Jane had a few siblings, but possibly not close.

Michelle Tercha0:14

Claire, I am waiting for the day you announce a novel, I really am. Even though your book with Dr Emmerson sounds fascinating.

Claire Ridgway0:15

Michelle, thank you!

Michelle Tercha0:15

What is a beta reader? You mean an advance copy?

Clare Shepherd0:16

Would you ever write a non- fiction book, Adrienne?

Adrienne Dillard0:16

RTL - I start with the idea that no one is horrible just to be horrible. There must be some reason as to why they are so unpleasant. That's actually how I ended up writing about Margery. She was a bit of a brat in TRW, LOL. I try to work in my reasoning for why they behave that way or why another character views them that way.

ADMIN Tim0:16

A beta reader is someone who reads a very early copy of a book and suggests areas for improvement and change.

RealTudorLady0:16

I often think Jane and her siblings felt they had a lot to live up to because their father was one of the most successful men of his age and a famous translator.

Lorna Wanstall0:16

Thank you Doc and Claire..

Michelle Tercha0:17

Thank you, Tim. I'd love to do that someday.

ADMIN Tim0:17

@michelle - you should make friends with an author. It's often very early in the life of a book

Adrienne Dillard0:17

Clare - I've considered writing a proper bio of Catherine Carey. I'm still mulling that over. I would definitely be open to non-fiction.

Michelle Tercha0:18

Thank you, Tim, ill see about that.

Ceri Creffield0:18

A biography of Catherine Carey would be very interested

Ceri Creffield0:18

Interesting

RealTudorLady0:18

Yes, that's true. I wasn't suggesting Anne Boleyn or Charles Brandon are horrible, just that with no love lost between them, they may have a critical voice.

Michelle Tercha0:19

Catherine Carey bio would be a very interesting read. She had a varied, interesting life.

Clare Shepherd0:20

My late partner was a sub-editor on newspapers, but often was given books to read and sub. Not an easy job. Publishers at one time had Readers who read books and recommended books or rejected them. I dont think its so common now. Beta readers do a lot of the work.

Adrienne Dillard0:20

I actually have both alpha and beta readers. My alphas read along as I write. I send them sections as I go and they give me feedback that influences the continuing story. Laura Anne Riddling of Tudor Books in Every Noon and Olga Hughes of Nerdalicious have been my alpha readers on this current book and have given me some really great feedback. It's so helpful.

Lamorna0:20

I didn't know that Jane wore mourning clothes until her death or asked for her marriage bed to be restored, I agree that indicates she must have had a loving relationship with George, if she did not enjoy sharing their bed, she would not have wanted it back. Presumably she could have requested financial compensation rather than having the actual bed back if the motive was financial.

Clare Shepherd0:21

I think you'd do Catherine Carey well. Id love to read it.

Doc Clark0:21

Jane got money too though she had to fight for it

Claire Ridgway0:21

A Knollys family one would be good!

Michelle Tercha0:21

Jane's father is an interesting man. Henry Parker. I'd love to know more about him. I remember reading about a translation he did sometime after Jane's execution and he may have referred to it (I'm not saying it right, but it may have been a fueled reference to his daughter.)

Lorna Wanstall0:22

I really would like to know more of Mary Boleyn's life. Were she and william Carey happy, what was her life like when she was banished from court and exiled by her mother and father

Doc Clark0:22

Yes, in his translation of selected Plutarch 's lives

Adrienne Dillard0:22

Yes, Lamorna, that's exactly what I think too. She also could have sold it when she was having trouble getting her jointure from Thomas Boleyn, but she didn't. An interesting tidbit is that Princess Mary often gave Jane gifts of black fabric.

Ceri Creffield0:23

So many people have portrayed Jane's marriage as unhappy. I suppose these facts just didn't fit in with the image that has been put forward in the past

Doc Clark0:23

The reference for that is an academic essay in a collect titled Triumphs of the English which is a 2000 collection all about Morley and his opus of work

Roland Hui0:23

Adrienne - how did you get into the Tudors in the 1st place?

Adrienne Dillard0:24

Lorna - I wish I knew that too. We know she loved William Stafford. Her letter to Cromwell talking about their relationship is one of my favorites. So passionate.

Lorna Wanstall0:24

What was Jane B opinion of his daughter after the murder of th Boleyns and did he show any compassion for her when she went to the block in 1542

Michelle Tercha0:24

I'd like to know more about Mary Boleyn, too. I read Alison Weir's bio but there just isn't enough.

Adrienne Dillard0:25

Roland - As with a lot of people who fall into the Tudors, I watched The Other Boleyn Girl!

Michelle Tercha0:25

Thank you, Doc

RealTudorLady0:26

It never occurred to me until recently that Jane might still be mourning George, until the inventory of her goods showed she had a lot of black. Even then I just put it down to her being of high status as they all wore black. It didn't occur to me she wore more than most. I think she was a loyal wife in any event because she wrote to George in the Tower and remained a widow. Most people married several times back then.

Claire Ridgway0:26

Thank you for your kind mention in your talk, Adrienne, that was a wonderful time we had at the Tower!

Adrienne Dillard0:26

Lorna - Henry Parker didn't give a lot away when it came to his opinion on his daughter. He definitely did not speak up for her during her fall.

Doc Clark0:26

Harry Parker, Lord Morley is a bit of a favorite subject for me, Michelle

Claire Ridgway0:27

Hi Alana!

Alana Ask0:27

Hi Claire!

Adrienne Dillard0:27

Claire - it really was! I would love to go back! I was definitely awestruck to be there with you all!

Claire Ridgway0:28

Adrienne, such lovely memories.

Doc Clark0:28

Yes, Morley took off to help his sister-in-law in Devon at the time that Jane was trying to recover from George's death

Lorna Wanstall0:28

The little bit we do know of her I feel is very derogatory, I think "The great prostitute" and the "King's little hackney" is nothing more than words.. Yes she did have an affair with King Henry but not with King Francis.. He was a blaggard who had to try and get one upmanship on Henry.. saying hat he said was just he way of saying I can have any woman I want and that includes any english girl too

Doc Clark0:28

Jand's Biographyer, Fox, really kinda trashed Morley for that

Michelle Tercha0:29

I wish I could see those places. Doc, I know he was in Margaret Beaufort's house as a child. He would be a fascinating subject for anyone interested in the Tudors.

Doc Clark0:29

I'm 50,000 word in on a biography of Morley.

Michelle Tercha0:29

I really liked Julia Fox's book.

Claire Ridgway0:30

Doc, I can't wait to read it!

Michelle Tercha0:30

That's wonderful, Doc! Good luck with it.

Ceri Creffield0:30

Sounds interesting, Doc.

Adrienne Dillard0:30

It was because of Doc I discovered that George Boleyn was god father to one of the younger Henry Parker's children. That was such a wonderful find!

Doc Clark0:30

Fox's book is really good though I wish there were less "this is what life was like for her class" and more details

Michelle Tercha0:30

Yes! Doc I noticed that, too. But I liked it nevertheless.

Lorna Wanstall0:30

Nice one Doc

Clare Shepherd0:31

Yes, have you a publisher Doc? It would be a great book to have.

Adrienne Dillard0:31

The best part of Fox's book is the footnotes. Those are amazing!

Doc Clark0:31

Fox uncovered the whole gig with Morley's sister in law in Devon, which was a brilliant find on her part

Claire Ridgway0:31

Adrienne, I always say that about that book, they're as detailed as the main text!

RealTudorLady0:32

It was great that Julia Fox destroyed the Jane Boleyn gave false testimony nonsense, but it's still trotted out by professional historians.

Adrienne Dillard0:32

They are! I refer to the footnotes all the time!

Michelle Tercha0:32

Claire, if you were to write fiction, who or what would it be about?

Adrienne Dillard0:33

RTL - They have a really hard time getting rid of that idea, don't they?! It's so frustrating because that myth never goes away.

Claire Ridgway0:33

Michelle, I was working on a young adult book related to the Boleyns. It was a few years ago though, and only really ideas.

Adrienne Dillard0:33

Oh yes, great question Michelle!

Michelle Tercha0:33

Adrienne, I think you may have addressed my question with Rebecca Larson, but I don't remember... How did you decide on Margery Horsman?

Claire Ridgway0:34

Michelle, it was actually set later and was linked with John Dee. Very fictional.

Michelle Tercha0:34

That sounds amazing, Claire. Really great idea.

Ceri Creffield0:35

John Dee is a fascinating character.

Doc Clark0:35

John Dee: there was an interesting guy!

Clare Shepherd0:35

Well look how long its taken professional historians to argue over Richard III, misinformation takes ages to dislodge.

Claire Ridgway0:35

I might write it one day!

Michelle Tercha0:35

Oh, that really sounds interesting!!

RealTudorLady0:35

Yes, its sad because people listen as they are well known and say it with authority. Historians have a duty to check things, but I think myths have always been more popular and just get repeated.

Adrienne Dillard0:35

I felt like I made Margery out to be kind of a snot in TRW. And honestly, I'm not sure why. She just sort of came out that way when I was writing her. I wanted to dig into that. Find out what was going on in her life. We never hear much about her.

Lorna Wanstall0:35

John Dee was another interesting charater.. But I believe Kelly really ruined Dee's reputation with his hair brained schemes

Adrienne Dillard0:36

You should definitely write it Claire!

Michelle Tercha0:36

Thank you, Adrienne

Claire Ridgway0:36

Thank you!

Adrienne Dillard0:36

I agree RTL!

Lorna Wanstall0:36

Good job, Kelly fell to his death from a danish prison

Claire Ridgway0:36

I started outlining it when I was doing a creative writing course with Oxford Uni online.

Lorna Wanstall0:37

Yeah I agree. laire shoud write her Boleyn fictional book.

Roland Hui0:37

Adrienne - before delving into your research about Jane Parker to write your book, was your take on her different? Was it perhaps unsympathetic because that was the general impression of her?

RealTudorLady0:38

Ah Kelly, John Dee, Discovery of Witches.

Doc Clark0:38

I created a reprint of an academic paper on finding Dee's copy of the Necronomicon in the Secret Archives of the Vatican, and actually fooled some professional historians on it at the University of Indidana! Best April Fools prank I ever pulled.

Lorna Wanstall0:38

lol Doc..

Michelle Tercha0:39

That's great, Doc!

Clare Shepherd0:39

Great prank!!

Claire Ridgway0:39

Doc, oh wow!

Ceri Creffield0:39

Doc, that sounds like a novel I. Itself!

Ceri Creffield0:39

In itself

Clare Shepherd0:40

Great idea Ceri!!

RealTudorLady0:40

Great, Doc, I bet it got them really confused.

Adrienne Dillard0:40

Roland - I really didn't feel one way or the other about her. Julia Fox's book was the first Tudor book I ever read, but I admit to not getting into it the first time I read it. Likely because I had just had a baby and my brain was a bit fogged for a few years! It was only during my time writing Cor Rotto that I gave her much thought. I took a sympathetic view of her in that novel, but it didn't go far enough for me. I kept thinking about her afterward. So I picked up Fox's book again and that's when I really started to feel for her.

Doc Clark0:41

Yes, one sent me an email pointing out that I got the first name of an historian wrong in my citations.

Adrienne Dillard0:42

Doc - that is hilarious!

RealTudorLady0:42

😊 Doc.

Doc Clark0:42

Jane is one of the tragic people in Tudor history in my book. It's so cruel that H8 got a law passed to execute lunatics just so he could off her.

Adrienne Dillard0:42

Utterly agree, Doc!

Michelle Tercha0:43

He really must have hated her...

Claire Ridgway0:43

One of the many low points of Henry's reign

Lorna Wanstall0:43

Doc just another reason to why I call Henry so many rude names

Doc Clark0:43

Henry really turned into a bundle of hate and spite after 1536

Adrienne Dillard0:43

Lots of people like Henry, but I truly despise him. I think he was an awful man.

Claire Ridgway0:44

I know people say we should view him in context, but then people of his time viewed him as a tyrant too. Chapuys and Marillac certainly thought he was one.

Ceri Creffield0:44

Really? Do people really like H8? He's fascinating but likeable? Surely not!

RealTudorLady0:45

I believe Henry lost his mind at this point over Kathryn Howard and blamed Jane for the whole affair. I don't excuse this absolutely horrible act of revenge but I seriously think he lost it.

Michelle Tercha0:45

Adrienne, do you think Catherine Carey is Henry's? (Forgive me, I have not read Cor Ditto yet)

Doc Clark0:45

I tend to favor the "dun gone wrong" in his middle age hypothesis. He wasn't so bad before 1526

Michelle Tercha0:45

Oh jeez, that's supposed to be Cor Rotto

Adrienne Dillard0:45

Ceri - You would be surprised! I think it's because they equate him with who they saw Jonathan Rhys Myers play in the Tudors.

Lorna Wanstall0:45

I do believe she did have some kind of mental breakdown.. Hard not to really as life after George's murder can't of been easy for her.. But all praise to her for sticking it out, she must have suffered some very hostile behaviour from the other ladies in waiting

Clare Shepherd0:46

I know that many are misunderstood in medieval and Tudor history, but I can't see any reason to admire the older H 8. He'd become a monster.

Adrienne Dillard0:46

Michelle - I absolutely 100% think Catherine was Henry's. This is why I write fiction because you can't write that in a biography, hahaha.

Michelle Tercha0:46

Lol! Thank you

Lorna Wanstall0:47

Michelle, or rotto is one book I simply couldn't put down I loved it from the very first sentence

Adrienne Dillard0:47

Thank you so much for saying that Lorna!

Michelle Tercha0:48

I have to get it, Lorna. My list is huge! Lol

Doc Clark0:48

I opine she really did completely break down, nervous breakdown, PTDS, whatever. H8 would not have moved to pass the death-to-lunatics law otherwise. This has to be compared to the actions the H8's father, H7, took when Lord Morley's father went insane. H7 undid all the legal damage and helped the family.

Clare Shepherd0:48

8 think 5hat

Ceri Creffield0:48

It was a good read!

Doc Clark0:49

I have to wonder if H8 passed that law just because of Lord Morley and his father going insane

Clare Shepherd0:49

Oops, I think that is true of all of us here, Michelle.

Claire Ridgway0:49

An evil thing to do

Adrienne Dillard0:49

Henry the 7th really is an underrated historical figure. He's one of my favorite.

Michelle Tercha0:49

That's interesting, Doc, thank you

Lorna Wanstall0:49

Adrienne, I agree Catherine was H8's daughter and yet if you look at pictures of her son Henry in his later life, there is a striking similarity between H8 in his triangle portrait and Elizabeth 1st

RealTudorLady0:49

Mary I abolished this law.

Ceri Creffield0:49

Adrienne, yes!

Michelle Tercha0:50

Oh, true, Clare!

RealTudorLady0:51

I believe Catherine Carey was his son. I think Henry Carey was born too late.

Michelle Tercha0:51

I admire Henry VII, too

Adrienne Dillard0:51

I agree RTL. I think Henry Carey was William's son.

Doc Clark0:52

What I would like to see is a DNA study for descendants to id if the Carey kids were H8's offspring  
RealTudorLady0:53

I believe Jane B really did have a complete mental collapse and she was cared for away from the Tower, in secluded surroundings, visited by doctors and so on, much as one might treat her today.  
Adrienne Dillard0:53

Last year I was asked to translate Catherine's funeral roll for Grey's Court and it was so illuminating. She truly was given a royal funeral. If she wasn't Elizabeth's sister, she was very beloved by her.

Lorna Wanstall0:53

Yes I agree Adrienne H7 is often overlooked, but he really did bring order out of the chaos of the Roses wars, only for H8 to mess things up again... I think H7 would have been spinning up a maelstrom. A thick ear would have been the last of H8 worries if his dad turned up one day

Michelle Tercha0:54

True, Lorna! Margaret Beaufort, too. I think her death a month after his accession is a little too convenient

RealTudorLady0:55

You are right Lorna, Henry 7 is very much underrated and we need to study him much more closely.

Michelle Tercha0:56

Henry VII, the Winter King is a very good documentary

Clare Shepherd0:56

Although his claim to the throne was not strong H7 was a good king unlike the capricious H8

RealTudorLady0:56

She was a good age, Michelle, so I think she died naturally and eating cygnets has got to be risky.

Doc Clark0:57

No, I disagree. Margaret Beaufort's was in a failing state for a year before her actual death. You can see it in her signature with degrades all 1508 and 09, plus she took the time to rework her will 9 mos before

Michelle Tercha0:57

I know. Just thought a little too convenient.

Lorna Wanstall0:58

I wonder if H7 had a sort of preminition about what H8 would do when he died... I still find it very strange that H7 left a regency council with M B in charge.. I do also feel that M.B was a very steadying influence on H8.. Perhaps if she had lived 10 maybe 15 years longer H8 would have been a very different person.

Bill Wolff0:58

Hey Clare, I like H7's link to the throne!

RealTudorLady0:58

I think Margaret knew she was dying and hung in there to ensure the line was passed on. She saw her grandson crowned, job done.

Claire Ridgway0:59

Time has flown as it always does and the hour is up! Thank you everyone for joining in with the chat, and for your excellent questions. Thank you to Adrienne for giving her time to answer our questions.

Congratulations to Bill on winning either a copy of Cor Rotto or The Raven's Widow. Bill, let us know which you'd prefer.

Doc Clark0:59

Beaufort also followed a brutal regime of fasting and wearing a hair shirt and too much prayer on her bare knees. Makes Catherine of Aragon look like a pious amateur. She did not kick back even in declining health

Doc Clark0:59

Yo, Adrienne, I live 6 hrs from you now, Let's do coffee soon!

Ceri Creffield0:59

Congratulations Bill.

Bill Wolff0:59

Lorna, I agree with you, and you know what, I've spoken to MB several times. And now I'm going to pour my first drink.

Clare Shepherd1:00

Nothing wrong with the link Bill, just not the strongest, but he got the throne and held it. His reign was a good one for the country.

Doc Clark1:00

drop me an email. Thanks for the fun chat, y'all

Adrienne Dillard1:00

I'm up for it, Doc!

Michelle Tercha1:00

Thank you, Claire, Tim, Adrienne, and all! Appreciated everyone's knowledge and good chatting.

Congrats, Bill!

Lorna Wanstall1:00

RTL the death of her son must have really cut her to the bone as well..

Adrienne Dillard1:00

Congratulations Bill! I hope you enjoy it!

Claire Ridgway1:00

Thanks, Adrienne, thanks, everyone, it's been fun.

Lorna Wanstall1:00

Nice one Bill happy reading

Adrienne Dillard1:00

Thank you all for having me! It was such a lovely time!

Bill Wolff1:00

Thanks Portland Girl, I'm Amazoning Raven tonight!!

Michelle Tercha1:01

Good night, everyone, thanks again!

Adrienne Dillard1:01

Portland Girl! I love it!

Ceri Creffield1:01

Thanks Adrienne, Claire, Tim and everyone for a good chat.

Claire Ridgway1:01

Bill, you've won a book so we'll get The Raven's widow sent if you'd like that.

Adrienne Dillard1:01

Hope you all have a lovely evening!

Lorna Wanstall1:01

Thank Adrienne, give Logan a hug from me.. Xx

Adrienne Dillard1:02

Will do, Lorna!

Clare Shepherd1:02

Thans Adrienne, Tim and Claire. An excellent hour, as always. Goodnight everyone.

RealTudorLady1:02

I have to disagree, Lorna. Henry was a decent person until he started to see the succession was in trouble. MB was ruthless as well and she wouldn't have changed him that much. We have to look at the political and marriage problems which shaped his personality. I really don't think MB would have made that much difference.

Claire Ridgway1:02

Enjoy the rest of the weekend!

Ceri Creffield1:02

Goodnight all.

Lorna Wanstall1:03

The hour goes too fast... Take care and keepsafe everyone Xx

Lamorna1:03

I agree about Catherine Carey being Henry's daughter, it would be really interesting to follow her descendants through to the present day. Thanks Adrienne for sharing your time with us, and goodnight all!

RealTudorLady1:03

Congratulations, Bill, enjoy the book.

Clare Shepherd1:03

Until next time, bye all