

Transcript – The Tudors on TV and in fiction

Elizabeth Goodman11:42

Hi Everyone, thank goodness its a bit cooler here now!

Claire Ridgway11:44

Hi Elizabeth! It's sweltering here but that's normal for this time of year. Got the ceiling fan on and a large glass of water.

Elizabeth Goodman11:45

The fan sounds lovely; a very British cup of tea for me!

Claire Ridgway11:45

Tea always works wonders!

Elizabeth Goodman11:49

It sure does! What topics do you think folk will want to cover tonight?

Claire Ridgway11:50

I've just sent a reminder how so hopefully we'll get more people soon. It's San Juan here, feast of St John the Baptist, so there are fiestas everywhere tonight and everyone will be partying until breakfast.

Elizabeth Goodman11:50

I'd be on the next plane over if I could!

Lorna Wanstall11:53

Hi Claire and Elizabeth

Claire Ridgway11:53

You'd be very welcome Elizabeth!

Claire Ridgway11:53

Hi Lorna!

Lorna Wanstall11:53

I'm glad it just a little cooler than it was mid week ere, can't tolerate the heat very well

Elizabeth Goodman11:54

Thanks Claire and hi Lorna!

Claire Ridgway11:54

It gets so humid when it's hot there, doesn't it? We are very hot from May/June until October or so but it's a very dry heat and easier to bear.

Lorna Wanstall11:55

I suppose you could say, when it hot I go into dracula mode.

Claire Ridgway11:55

Ha!

Claire Ridgway11:55

Did you go all sparkly when you went out in the sun?

Elizabeth Goodman11:55

That sounds scary but I know what you mean!

Lorna Wanstall11:56

Only do anything that needs done when the sun goes down. If I go out in the sun for just 20 minutes I get burnt. Pia my daughter is even worse, she only has to look at the sun and her freckles connect.

Claire Ridgway11:57

TS member Kim is hoping to join us at some point but she's sent me some questions to pose in case she's late or can't make it so I'll be adding those in as we chat.

Claire Ridgway11:57

My mum, a redhead, is like that.

Claire Ridgway11:59

I'm sure we'll have more turning up as we go on, but I'll post this now to explain. Thank you for coming today/tonight. If you haven't been to one of these informal chats before then let me explain that they're a bit of a free-for-all in that they're not run by an expert speaker who will answer your questions, I'm just here as a moderator. We can all pose questions and we can all answer questions about the Tudors on TV and in fictions, it's all about discussion and debate, and feel free to recommend Tudor novels, TV programmes and movies too.

By the way, sometimes the chatroom gets a little stuck and you just have to "refresh" your page if your comment doesn't post or it suddenly stops.

Katherine Carlisle11:59

I'm here!

Lorna Wanstall11:59

Yes Pia's hair is very ginger at the moment, the sun seems to dye it .

Claire Ridgway11:59

yay! Hi Kim/Katherine! Hi Roland too!

Katherine Carlisle11:59

Good to be here!

Roland Hui12:00



Lorna Wanstall12:00

hi Katherine and Roland.

Roland Hui12:00



Claire Ridgway12:00

OK, has anyone got a burning question or rant or a recommendation?

Lorna Wanstall12:01

what did everyone make of the white princess

Claire Ridgway12:02

I can't comment on that one as I purposely avoided it after watching one episode of The White Queen.

Roland Hui12:02

Not a fan of Philippa Gregory, but the series was entertaining

Claire Ridgway12:02

Did they have Henry raping Elizabeth of York? I think the book does.

Ceri Creffield12:02

Evening all

Claire Ridgway12:03

Hi Ceri!

Roland Hui12:03

Same with 'Reign' - wildly inaccurate, but a fun watch if you don't accept it as actual history

Elizabeth Goodman12:03

Maybe its just me but why is her non fiction and her fiction so inaccurate?!

Lorna Wanstall12:03

If viewed from a comedy aspect it was quite entertaining

Katherine Carlisle12:03

clairs share mine as you see fit. My major one was about the weird change of Mary Tudor to Margaret and sending her to Portugal instead of France. Anthe idea that she might have smothers her husband.

Claire Ridgway12:03

@Elizabeth, I know! You'd think the real story would be entertaining enough!

Ceri Creffield12:03

It's the tabloid newspaper approach h to history.

Roland Hui12:04

One thing which I never understood about 'The Tudors' (not a fan - sorry) were the horrible costumes. Anne of Cleves looked like she had a flower pot on her head in an episode.

Lorna Wanstall12:04

Elizabeth, it's SWMNBn in your face attitude that I really can't stand. What she writes she truely believes is what happened or so it seems to me anyway

Elizabeth Goodman12:04

That's what I've always thought!

Claire Ridgway12:05

@Katherine/Kim, yes, I believe that Michael Hirst said it would be too confusing to have another Mary in it, even though there were stacks of Thomases etc. and I have no clue why they mixed their lives up and did the whole Portugal thing and murder. Bizarre and I'm always correcting people about it.

Claire Ridgway12:06

@Roland, yes, some of them were stunning and others were awful, and poor Cath H having to be naked all the time!

Elizabeth Goodman12:06

For sure re the Portuguese thing!

Lorna Wanstall12:07

I do actually enjoy the Tudors series in fact I watching it again. I viewed the whole thing as one would a soap opera.

Katherine Carlisle12:07

How about the thing about Cranmer bringing his wife over in a wooden crate? True????

Claire Ridgway12:08

I enjoyed the Tudors too. It's weird though how close quite a lot of it was to history, including little known things and things like speeches word for word, and then other bits were way off.

Roland Hui12:08

My faves were the classics from the early 70's - 'Six Wives of H 8', 'Elizabeth R'

Katherine Carlisle12:08

and would Henry have had a celebratory event in front of Catherine of Aragon when Bessie Blount had Henry Fitzroy?

Ceri Creffield12:08

I had to stop watching the Tudors eventually. I couldn't take any more - especially Henry remaining svelte and attractive well into middle age.. But you are right Claire, a lot of little things were bang on.

Roland Hui12:08

Glenda Jackson was the best Elizabeth in my opinion.

Claire Ridgway12:08

@Katherine, [Diarmaid McCulloch](#) challenges that story and credits Catholic apologist Nicholas Harpsfield with coming up with it. Cranmer's family denied it.

Claire Ridgway12:09

@Ceri, yes, like the story of Henry pole vaulting over that ditch and then nearly dying in the mud.

Lorna Wanstall12:09

When I first saw the scenes with K.H and more to the point the actress playing her I wanted to kick the tv set in, but when I watched it again, I feel the producers were trying to portray K.H as she may well of been in real life a little girl in a cage full of lions

Claire Ridgway12:09

@Roland, do you like Shadow of the Tower?

Katherine Carlisle12:09

Wow! That is great to know. I would hate to think of a woman being in a suffocating box like that.

Lorna Wanstall12:10

trying to the best she could and keep a vindictive stinking old man happy

Elizabeth Goodman12:10

I remember the Shadow of the Tower - brilliant!

Claire Ridgway12:10

I think Harpsfield kindly gave the box air holes!

Lorna Wanstall12:10

Shadow of the crown is brilliant

Katherine Carlisle12:11

Catherine Howard so pitiful. I think you are right Lorna.

Lorna Wanstall12:11

Robin Maxwell portrayal of H7 is cleverly done

Roland Hui12:11

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Claire Ridgway12:12

Perhaps so, Lorna, but the nudity got silly at times, we could have played a drinking game - down a shot every time CH gets naked! Oh dear..

Ceri Creffield12:12

I loved that bit!

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Lorna Wanstall12:12

Although I will say I don't believe that K.H and culpeper had a sexual relationship in real life Katherine

Roland Hui12:13

I recommend the movie version of 'Six Wives' - called 'H 8 And His Six Wives' to anyone who hasn't seen it. Keith Michell played H8 again, but different actresses (like Charlotte Rampling as Anne Boleyn).

Lorna Wanstall12:13

Yes I agree claire that K.H nudey prode games were very annoying

Claire Ridgway12:14

Yes, the Six Wives programme and series were very good, but very different Cath Hs in them if I remember rightly.

Lorna Wanstall12:14

The series Roland is very good too. Evi hale oas Anne of cleves is a very good episode

Ceri Creffield12:14

I meant I loved the pole vaulting bit - not the nude scenes - my pc is a bit slow. Just wanted to make that clear. 😊

Claire Ridgway12:15

Ha! Don't worry, I knew what you meant Ceri.

Lorna Wanstall12:15

Strange that in the film donald pleasence plays cromwell, whilst in the series it's his daughter Angela who play K.H

Katherine Carlisle12:15

I liked Elizabeth In The Golden Age and Elizabeth a lot. There were a couple of things. That bothered me though did she know about wyatt's plot as the insinuated and could there be any merit in the scene where she is with Dudley after her coronation appearing to have sex behind a linen sheer as her ladies spied?

Lorna Wanstall12:15

Hi Ceri, good to see you

Elizabeth Goodman12:16

Keith Michell will all always be Henry for me and Natalie Dormer my Anne Boleyn! Lorna - you are so right about KH and Culpepper!

Ceri Creffield12:16

Hi Lorna.

Claire Ridgway12:17

I think Elizabeth probably had some knowledge about what was going on re Wyatt's Rebellion but that they purposely kept her in the dark. But no, I don't think she would have risked that with Dudley like that.

Lorna Wanstall12:17

I often ask myself when ever there is a historical film is there really any need to show sexual behaviour and flash their bits around

Roland Hui12:17

I enjoyed 'E - The Golden Age' too. Samantha Morton was a very good Mary Q. of Scots, though I wished her part was bigger.

Katherine Carlisle12:17

As a child the Six wives series on PBS sparked my interest in the tutors.

Ceri Creffield12:17

I would love to see someone dramatize the early years of Henry Tudor before he became king. That would be so fresh and original - and plenty pf adventure.

Claire Ridgway12:17

Samantha Morton was brilliant, I agree.

Claire Ridgway12:18

I enjoyed the Helen Mirren series, I liked the chemistry between her and Jeremy Irons.

Elizabeth Goodman12:18

Ceri - that would be brilliant!

Claire Ridgway12:18

@Ceri, yes, that would be brilliant.

Lorna Wanstall12:18

I would love to see the tudor makers continue the series I wonder what they would make of Elizabeth's reign

And Edward VI has been missed out.

Roland Hui12:19

Let's not forget the excellent 'Anne of the 1000 Days'! My most fave film I have to say. Genevieve Bujold was brilliant!

Claire Ridgway12:20

Yes, Genevieve Bujold was wonderful.

Lorna Wanstall12:20

Roland totally agre Richard burton was supurb as well and genevieve is exactly how I picture anne to be

Katherine Carlisle12:20

I do t get why the Tudors had to end either! Edward, Jane, Mary, Elizabeth! So much richness to explore.

Ceri Creffield12:20

Yes Anne of 1000 Days was very good.

Lorna Wanstall12:21

Richard burton's voice still send chills though me fantastic actor with a fantastic voice

Claire Ridgway12:21

They made it impossible to carry on with what they did to the characters, with mixing Mary/Margaret.

Katherine Carlisle12:22

Anne of a Thousand days was great. I thought Richard bu mad Henry. I hated the Henry in A Man For All Seasons. Who was that it slipped my mind. He was such a blustery silly man.

Ceri Creffield12:23

Yes, that's true, Claire - never thought of that. It scuppers the succession completely.

Elizabeth Goodman12:23

What do we think of the Other Boleyn Girl? I would say what I think but I wouldn't use such bad language in the presence of you all!

Lorna Wanstall12:23

But Claire Henry did mention his stupid scottish nephew although how he was his stupid scottish nephew was never explained

Roland Hui12:23

I loved Vanessa Regrave's cameo as Anne Boleyn in 'A Man For All Seasons'. She conveyed Anne's sexiness and allure without saying a word.

Claire Ridgway12:23

@Ceri, yes, no Margaret Tudor so no Scottish marriage, no Mary, Queen of Scots.

Ceri Creffield12:24

Very short-sighted.

Claire Ridgway12:24

@Katherine, was it Robert Shaw as Henry?

Elizabeth Goodman12:24

It was indeed Robert Shaw

Claire Ridgway12:24

@Lorna, yes, how could he meet him in York when he couldn't exist? Ha!

Lorna Wanstall12:25

Thought it was philip scofield Claire or was that Thomas more

Claire Ridgway12:25

Paul Scofield was More I think.

Katherine Carlisle12:25

I'm ducking out to feed my hungry boys. Hope I get back before you finish!

Elizabeth Goodman12:26

Th More was played by Paul Scofield

Claire Ridgway12:26

Hope to see you a bit later!

Lorna Wanstall12:26

Paul yes sorry, brain melted

Lorna Wanstall12:27

Just had a thought, how about the showtime people pick up the story from the point of P.B stupid nephew

Lorna Wanstall12:27

that way they could tie the two reigned together

Lorna Wanstall12:28

reigns

Claire Ridgway12:28

Yes, they could do that. The good thing about "The Tudors" was that it was very mainstream and did get people interested, plus it was colourful and exciting.

Elizabeth Goodman12:28

It was very flashy and

Roland Hui12:29

The Henry VIII series with Ray Winstone was just terrible! And distasteful (he rapes Anne Boleyn in a rage). Gimme a break. 🤔

Ceri Creffield12:29

Actually, Lorna, that's a good idea. It would be good to see a lot more of 16th century history from the Scottish side of the border. It gets neglected compared to England & Wales, France and Spain.

Claire Ridgway12:29

It was his accent I couldn't cope with Roland!

Ceri Creffield12:29

He was a bit gangster!

Elizabeth Goodman12:29

...exciting to watch, despite a few flaws!

Lorna Wanstall12:29

Yes Scottish history is extremely interesting

Katherine Carlisle12:30

Oh Claire you are so right about not carrying on due to the Mary/Margaret scramble. Shoot! Does anyone know of Charles Brandon actually kept Margeater/Mary's illness from Henry as was portray.

Claire Ridgway12:30

He was just Ray Winstone being Ray Winstone really!

Katherine Carlisle12:31

does anyone know if Charles Brandon kept Mary/Margaret's illness from Henry as was in The Tudors?

Claire Ridgway12:31

@Katherine, I don't think CB would have done that. He did mention an old disease in her side in a letter to Wolsey in 1520 so I always wonder if Mary had had ill health for a long time.

Lorna Wanstall12:32

The thing I like the most about the ray winstone version is the music track that is playing when Anne and Henry are dancing with each other

Lorna Wanstall12:32

Love to get that soundtrack, may see if dinosaur can come up with something

Claire Ridgway12:32

I can't remember the music, will have to look that up.

Roland Hui12:33

The Winstone series - I think there was a scene where Anne (Helena Bonham Carter)'s barge sails into Traitors Gate, and she see as bunch of impaled severed heads in front of her. I reminded me of the fun house ride at 'The London Dungeon'!
LOL

Claire Ridgway12:33

Oh dear!

Lorna Wanstall12:33

Roland lol.. yes I always though it looked false

Lorna Wanstall12:34

The heads look very plasticity

Ceri Creffield12:34

I did think Ray Winstone captured something of the energy and suppressed violence in Henry - but that was a small compensation for the many flaws.

Roland Hui12:34

And Helena Bonham Carter (who was fine as Lady Jane) looked nothing like how I imagine the real AB to have looked like.

Claire Ridgway12:35

No, she was wrong as Anne B.

Katherine Carlisle12:35

How off is wolf hall folks. I've only seen the first series here in America but like Claire Foy a lot as Anne.

Lorna Wanstall12:35

Roland I agree, when she comes to him for permission to marry percy and looks up at him I can see Anne doin g the same thing

Roland Hui12:36

Equally distasteful and unnecessary in the Winstone series was the executioner holding up Anne's severed head. Don't need to see that.

Claire Ridgway12:36

Claire Foy annoyed me with her French accent when she said "Cremuel". Why give her a French accent when she says his name and not the rest of the time?

Lorna Wanstall12:36

Katherine wolf hall = utter rubbish

Katherine Carlisle12:37

Thanks Lorna!

Laurie12:37

Yes, agreed! Claire is wonderful as Elizabeth II, but not a good Anne B.!

Claire Ridgway12:38

I'm not a Wolf Hall fan, everyone just annoyed me, nobody was likeable, for me anyway. I know others loved it. I thought the sets were wrong too - so dark and dark threadbare tapestries and furnishings when the Tudor court was so colourful and in your face.

Claire Ridgway12:38

Hi Laurie! Yes, I loved her as Queen Elizabeth II.

Lorna Wanstall12:38

Actually I think Claire Foy would have made a better Jane Boleyn, Foy just made my toes curl and my bowels knot up with her ott behaviour and curboard bodice

Ceri Creffield12:39

I didn't like Claire Foy as AB either. I thought she had no charisma at all.

Elizabeth Goodman12:39

I did like Mark Rylance as Cromwell

Roland Hui12:39

I thought Claire Foy's AB very one dimensional - she as always in a bad mood and never smiled. She always looked like she had indigestion. Where was the vivacity and gaiety the real AB was known to have which attracted H8 to her?!

Claire Ridgway12:39

Yes, Rylance was good.

Katherine Carlisle12:39

Lorna you are hilarious. I guess it is the American girl in me.

Lorna Wanstall12:39

Ceri, foy had all the charm and charisma as a russian motor car.

Ceri Creffield12:39

Mark Rylance put in a superb performance. I find it hard to think of Cromwell so sympathetically, though.

Ceri Creffield12:40

Lol, Lorna!

Katherine Carlisle12:40

Lorna you are so funny! Guess my American eyes blind me.

Elizabeth Goodman12:40

True Ceri

Claire Ridgway12:40

For me, in Wolf Hall the characters were caricatures - goodies and baddies, and More was horrid.

Laurie12:40

Do you think they specifically made Anne B. so stuck up because it was told from Cromwell's point of view?

Ceri Creffield12:41

I've never been a great fan of TM but he was just seedy in Wolf Hall, which seemed very wrong.

Katherine Carlisle12:41

How about docuseries like Starkey, Lucy Worsley, dan jones, and others. Are those accurate?

Lorna Wanstall12:41

It just drove me mad, now you understand why I call hilary mante, hileriously mental

Claire Ridgway12:41

I don't know. Cromwell and Anne got on well though until into 1536...

Laurie12:42

Yes that's true Claire. I guess I'm just looking for some reason!

Elizabeth Goodman12:42

I think so Laurie, and goodness knows what the portrayal of More was all about!

Claire Ridgway12:42

More giving his daughter the peas instead of pearls... nasty.

Roland Hui12:42

Interesting that Mark Rylance played Thomas Boleyn in 'The Other Boleyn Girl'.

Claire Ridgway12:43

I really liked Jeremy Northam as More in "The Tudors".

Lorna Wanstall12:43

Love Starkey, but some find him a little bombastic. Lucy seems to have an annoying habit of constantly moving her head, but she's passable. Suzanne and Dan jones I quite enjoy.

Claire Ridgway12:43

@Roland, yes, Rylance played a very weak Thomas B didn't he?

Ceri Creffield12:43

Apart from Starkey, however, none of them are specialists in the 16th century

Lorna Wanstall12:43

Yes but C.B was a real stud muffin in the Tudors

Claire Ridgway12:44

Leanda de Lisle is doing a docu-drama on Lady Jane Grey sometime so I'm looking forward to that.

Ceri Creffield12:44

Jeremy Northam looked the part as More.

Lorna Wanstall12:45

Rylance to me didn't seem to gel as T.B somehow roland,

Laurie12:45

Can't wait for that from Leandra!

Roland Hui12:45

Speaking of stud muffins in 'The Tudors' - Henry Cavill as Charles Brandon. The real Duke of Suffolk looked nothing like that! LOL

Claire Ridgway12:45

I'm often told that my articles on Wolsey are wrong because he committed suicide 🤔

Elizabeth Goodman12:45

I love Starkey's voice!

Laurie12:46

Oh no Claire!!

Lorna Wanstall12:46

must make a not of leanda documentary, we know so very little about Lady (Queen) jane grey

Katherine Carlisle12:46

Whenever you all have new shows in Europe can you let us now. And how we might see them? I'm glad starkly is reliable. I quite enjoy him. My boys were little and used walk around saying "for she was declared a bastard!"

Claire Ridgway12:47

@Katherine, if they go on YouTube I try and put them on the Tudor Soc site.

Claire Ridgway12:47

If you go to <https://www.tudorsociety.com/category/resources/documentaries/> they're all YouTube ones.

Katherine Carlisle12:48

Thanks. I do like that Suzanne and Dan sort of put on a current edge that appeals to new generations. The guy in the leather jacket and the gal with the beautiful locks.

Claire Ridgway12:48

Yes, I think their programmes are engaging and mainstream.

Katherine Carlisle12:49

Claire you are my source for all joy. I have watched all of

Katherine Carlisle12:49

Your links

Claire Ridgway12:49

Aw, thank you, Katherine!

Laurie12:49

Did we discuss the White Queen or White Princess at all yet?

Lorna Wanstall12:49

I think they did a very good job on putting a new spin on Henry and his wives

Ceri Creffield12:49

Lorna, Wolsey would have considered suicide a mortal sin.

Claire Ridgway12:50

OK, so you lords and ladies seem to be well read and have watched lots. What are your top picks for TV/movies and books?

Lorna Wanstall12:50

True, but he knew he was going to die anyway.

Claire Ridgway12:50

@Laurie, just in passing but not in detail.

Elizabeth Goodman12:51

I agree with Ceri, also maybe Wolsey thought if he could just speak to Henry all might be resolved?

Katherine Carlisle12:51

wolsey in the tudors seemed way more handsome that possible too. Whatever happened to Jonathan Rhys Myers btw? Loved Cavill as Brandon. Also does anyone know if William Compton had a sexual relationship with Tallis?

Laurie12:51

I really like Alison Weir's new historical novels on Katherine of Aragon and Anne B. so far. Very close to historically accurate but reads like a novel!

Ceri Creffield12:51

I love Margaret Irwin's trilogy about Elizabeth. Old but never been bettered.

Roland Hui12:51

Top pick - 'Elizabeth R'

Claire Ridgway12:52

@Laurie, I had to put her Anne B one down, it made me so cross.

Lorna Wanstall12:52

I will just say that Margaret Beaufort in the white princes, looked like she had an ostrick beak on her head, and I have expected her to start laying an egg when she went on about Gawd's purpose for her.

Laurie12:52

Really?? I haven't read it yet, I'm still on K of A

Claire Ridgway12:52

I don't know that trilogy @Ceri.

Ceri Creffield12:52

She has something of a downer on AB. I think shehas said she found that one hardest to write because she dislikes Anne so much!

Lorna Wanstall12:53

Ceri yep love them

Laurie12:53

Good recommendations, thanks!

Katherine Carlisle12:53

Top pick for me is elizabeth and then golden age.

Claire Ridgway12:53

I've always enjoyed Jean Plaidy. Not accurate, but well-written.

Ceri Creffield12:53

Claire - you should try and get hold of it. Young Bess, Elizabeth, Captive Prisoner and Elizabeth and the Prince of Spain. Intelligent and imaginative.

Lorna Wanstall12:54

Yep another favourite of mine Claire

Claire Ridgway12:54

Will do, thank you!

Claire Ridgway12:54

@Katherine, Cate Blanchett is very good and I love Richard Attenborough as Cecil.

Lorna Wanstall12:54

Anna Whitelock is good, her Mary tudor book certainly gave me a whole new outlook to mary

Claire Ridgway12:55

What about fiction though, Lorna, what would you pick?

Katherine Carlisle12:56

Toby

Elizabeth Goodman12:56

Has anyone read Legacy by Susan Kay? Brilliant retelling of Elizabeth Is reign!

Katherine Carlisle12:56

guy

Claire Ridgway12:56

I like thrillers, so I'd also pick C J Sansom, you can almost smell London when you read his.

Ceri Creffield12:57

Yes, I liked Legacy.

Claire Ridgway12:57

Legacy rings a bell...

Laurie12:57

Too many good books to read, too little time!!

Lorna Wanstall12:57

probably jean plaidy, but I also love cynthia harrod eagles morland family set

Claire Ridgway12:57

@Laurie, ha! I know!

Ceri Creffield12:57

Brief Gaudy Hour was the book that got me interested in AB.

Ceri Creffield12:58

Yes - I liked The Morland books too.

Katherine Carlisle12:58

I really liked the "Truth in the Line" portrayal of Elizabeth.

Lorna Wanstall12:58

Laurie know what you mean, I only read books in the bath

Claire Ridgway12:58

Elizabeth Fremantle writes beautifully and even though I'm biased, as she's a good friend, I love Adrienne Dillard's novels on Catherine Carey and Jane Boleyn.

Roland Hui12:59

'Anne Boleyn' by Marie Louise Bruce (nonfiction) is still a fave.

Lorna Wanstall12:59

Yes Adrienne's books are brilliant

Claire Ridgway12:59

And Sandra Vasoli's Anne B ones too, I like the Anne and Henry relationship.

Lorna Wanstall12:59

I actually couldn't put cor rotto down

Claire Ridgway12:59

Conn Iggulden's Wars of the Roses were excellent.

Elizabeth Goodman12:59

Does anyone remember Phillippa Wiat?

Roland Hui12:59

Bruce was writing about AB at a time (early 70's) when there was not a lot of public interest in AB and the Tudors in general.

Lorna Wanstall1:00

yes I have 5 gold rings brilliant book

Ceri Creffield1:00

I remember getting Bruce's book out of the local library and loving it!

Claire Ridgway1:00

OK, if you don't mind, could you send me emails to claire@theanneboleynfiles.com with your top recommendations for Tudor fiction and TV/movies and I'll do an article on our top picks. Thank you!

Laurie1:01

Yes I really liked Sandra's too, Claire! really enjoyable

Claire Ridgway1:01

I think it would be helpful to write an article with some good starting points for those interested in fiction and TV.

Claire Ridgway1:01

Wow, that hour went fast!

Ceri Creffield1:01

Good idea.

Claire Ridgway1:02

Thank you so much for coming, it's been fun. Toni Mount is in the chatroom next Friday, a bit earlier I think, so I hope you can come. Feel free to carry on chatting.

Katherine Carlisle1:02

Love at idea Claire.

Lorna Wanstall1:02

right folk it's time for me to climb my wooden hill (which is like the north face of the eiger) and hit the old hay. Take care and keep safe everyone XxxX

Elizabeth Goodman1:02

I look forward to reading that!

Laurie1:03

Thank you Claire and everyone!

Katherine Carlisle1:03

Thanks all this was so fun.

Claire Ridgway1:03

By the way, we do have news coming relatively soon re paper versions of the magazine, just ironing out all the details.

Claire Ridgway1:04

Night everyone and thank you for joining in. I now have more books to read!

Laurie1:04

Sounds great!

Katherine Carlisle1:04

I would subscribe in a heartbeat

Elizabeth Goodman1:04

Thanks everyone for a thoroughly enjoyable Tudor hour x

Claire Ridgway

Thank you! Sleep well xx

Ceri Creffield

Good night everyone.