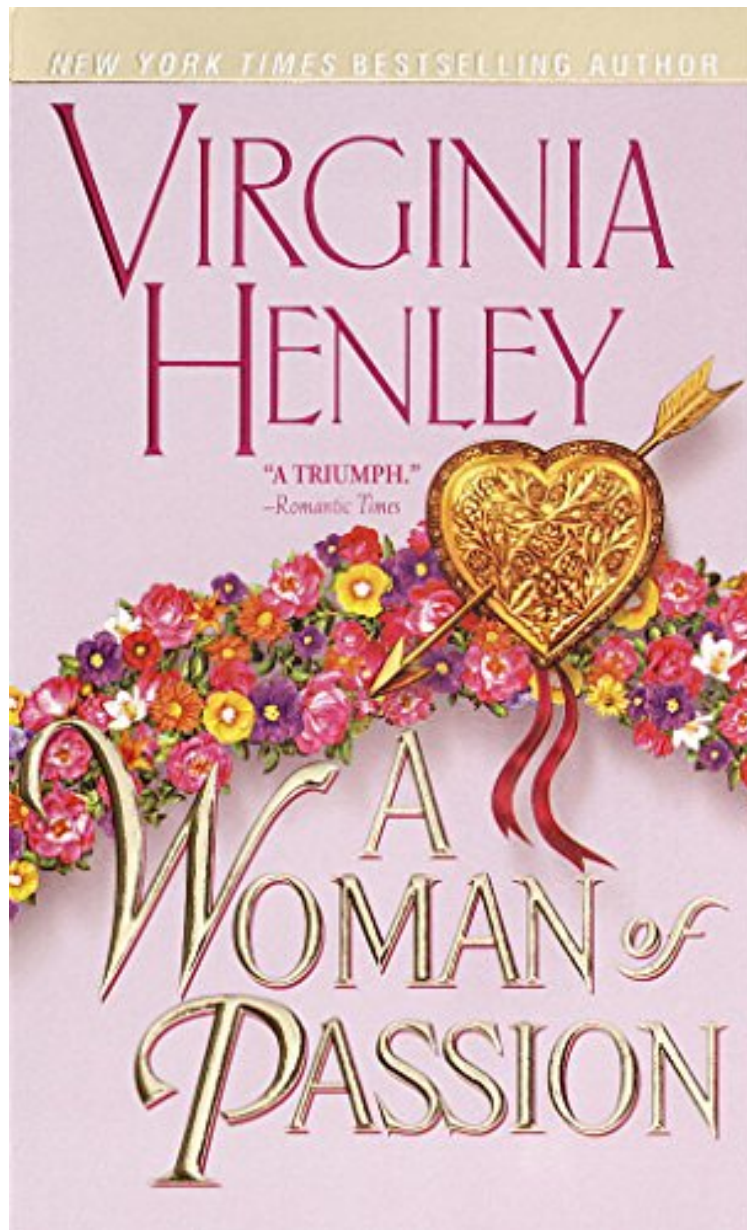


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Von Virginia Henley : A Woman of Passion before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised A Woman of Passion:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Absolutely fabulous writingVon ElenaAThis book was amazing. I fell in love with all the characters, they are

wonderfully written. Tess Hardwick is such an amazing heroine, the story of her life written in such details and with such vivid descriptions of the Elizabethan age... simply wonderful, it left me wanting more...0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Ms. Henley's historical biography is her best work yet Von Ein Kunde Though still a young teenager, poverty-stricken Bess Hardwick attains a position in the household of Lady Margaret Zouche. Ultimately, she gets to go the King Henry's court and meets Princess Elizabeth. However, due to family pressure and English inheritance laws, she is forced to wed the ailing Robert Barlow before she is sixteen. Because of his health, they never consummate the marriage. A year later, he dies. When Rogue Cavendish's wife dies, he marries Bess. They have a passionate love affair. However, when Henry dies and Queen Mary attains the throne, unbearable pressure is placed on Rogue. He soon dies from a heart attack. Bess next accepts a proposal from the kind but elderly William St. Loe. Four and a half years later, he dies. Throughout all this time, Bess has been attracted to George Talbot, Earl of Shrewsbury, but knows that there chance for a lifetime together is remote. With her newest novel, Virginia Henley proves that readers know a good thing as evident by her numerous best selling novels and awards. A WOMAN OF PASSION is more than just an Elizabethan romance. Instead it is biographical fiction that brings an era and a brave person to life. This well-written fictionalized account of the real life and events of Bess Hardwick, an influential figure during the Elizabethan era may be Ms. Henley's best work to date, which is saying a lot because her resume of erotic historical romances include some of the all time best works. Harriet Klausner 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Funny interpretation of Elizabethian era... Von oamaz If you love HISTORY and ever heard of Elizabeth the Great, King Harry and Bloody Mary, I would not advise you to read this book - for England of the 16th century serves only as a stage for mental and bodily tormenting of Ms Elizabeth Hardwick. Appearance of this great persons are fragmentary, and descriptions of their behavior, characters and manners made me often smile (to hear Elizabeth Tudor conversing about masturbation, e.g.), as before I read half-a-dozen non-fiction books about them. In short, the book might have well went on without them. Much more pages are occupied by colourful descriptions of Elizabeth Hardwick's dresses (and underwear), wall-shattering orgasms, and of course, her four husbands (of whom two, as usually in such books, were weak and impotent). It also seems that Elizabeth Tudor invited her to be her Lady of the Bedchamber only to conceal her pranks wit h Lord Dudley, otherwise Ms Hardwick seems to perform no other functions. Also scene of making love in Tower cell seemed to be completely irrelevant. In general, I took this book as a lollipop after generous helping of exquisite sweets - it simply can't be compared with serious historical fiction, but you can read it for fun. Unfortunately the author in the afterword did not mention anything about the end of Ms Hardwick, as she lived to her 80s and was involved into a plot with her husband and Mary Stewart.

Kurzbeschreibung Sweeping us into glittering, intrigue-riddled Elizabethan England, bringing to vivid life an actual heroine in the queen's court, New York Times bestselling author Virginia Henley blends rich historical detail with sumptuous romance in her latest novel--a dazzling feast of romantic fiction.... Young Bess Hardwick knew that the only way to escape a commoner's life was to serve in a noble family and marry well. So the headstrong beauty set out for London and the Tudor court, the arena for the richest, most ambitious men, none more powerful than the four men who would claim her. None more dangerous than Princess Elizabeth, who made Bess friend, confidante, then lady-in-waiting in her own glittering court... Dangerously seductive, William Cavendish, the king's dashing financial adviser, vowed to have Bess at any cost. Frail, adoring Robert Barlow offered a marriage she couldn't refuse. Newly crowned Queen Elizabeth bade her marry courtly Sir William St. Loe. But reckless passion drove Bess into the arms of George Talbot, the devastating Earl of Shrewsbury, whose wicked daring ignited in Bess the passion of a lifetime--even as it sparked the jealous interest of the most perilous ally of all: the Virgin Queen.... From the Paperback edition. From Booklist "Bess has an overabundance of passion," says her mother, and for a poverty-stricken family in Tudor England, firebrand Elizabeth Hardwick is a trial. At the urging of her aunt, Bess journeys to London to become a companion to a noblewoman and her daughters. Through a fortuitous set of circumstances, and Bess' shrewd grasp of court politics, she meets a young woman who could be her twin: flame-haired Elizabeth Tudor, royal bastard of Henry VIII. As Bess marries and buries three husbands--one for the sake of her family, two for love, and all three at royal decree--her fortunes grow, and she becomes Lady of the Royal Bedchamber to the newly crowned Queen Elizabeth I. But good fortune lasts only so long, and eventually her role as confidante to the queen makes her a potential threat to the stability of England. Basing her novel on a historical figure, Henley re-creates the licentiousness, greed, and gluttony of the Tudor court, and presents a heroine comfortable with her own highly erotic nature and force of will. A must for Henley fans. Melanie Duncan From Kirkus s Henley's 16th dish of romance (A Year and a Day, 1998, etc.) tells of commoner Bess Hardwick's life from ages six to forty as she rises from poverty to become Queen Elizabeth's lady-in-waiting and to make a spectacular marriage to the richest lord in England, all the while taking full advantage of the periods sexy freedoms. Henley's faithful know what to expect: rapid storytelling, high passions, rich description, and no stinting on bedtime thrills. On Bess's deflowering by William Cavendish ("`Oh my God, she murmured with breathless admiration . . . You look like your stallion.' `That's exactly how I feel rampant!") or to her initiation into the

enwinding joys of cunnilingus with the devilishly besotted Shrewsbury ("Her laugh was sultry. She knew he was mad in love with her and ready to give her the moon and the stars"). Bess Hardwick, the publisher tells us, is based on a real-life figure who indeed rose to towering prominence as a descendant of the Plantagenets, whose blood was more royal than the Tudors and whose temper was just as fearsome: "'You aren't just a devil,' she panted furiously, 'you are Lucifer himself.'" Written in reckless, slamming prose that mirrors its redheaded heroines blazing tantrums. --
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