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Anne Neville was queen to  
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the remarkable nature of her marriage, a union which brought together a sorrowing widow with her husband's murderer. Anne's misfortune did not end there. In addition to killing her first husband, Richard also helped kill

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her father, father-in-law and brother-in-law, imprisoned her mother, and was suspected of poisoning Anne herself. Dying before the age of thirty, Anne Neville packed into her short life incident enough for many

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longs for Richard, who has become a great man under his brother's rule. But as their families scheme for power, Anne must protect her heart from betrayals on both sides-and from the man she has always loved,

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and cannot bring herself to trust. The daughters of a ruthlessly ambitious family, Mary and Anne Boleyn are sent to the court of Henry VIII to attract the attention of the king, who first takes Mary as his mistress, in which role she

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career dictated, bearing his children in England, Ireland and France, including the future Edward IV and Richard III. What was the substance behind her claim to be "queen by right"? Would she indeed have made a

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*central figure during  
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*infamous Richard III,  
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accession as a usurpation. From the day when Edward IV married Eleanor, or pretended to do so, or allowed it to be whispered that he might have done so, the House of York, previously so secure in its bloodline, confronted a contentious and uncertain future. John

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them, and why did Richard III mount a campaign of vilification against her? David Baldwin traces Elizabeth's career and her influence on the

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elaborate ritual of  
court life.

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marry a traitor's son.

You bear him twelve  
children, carry his  
cause and bury his past.

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you ashes. Slowly, you  
rise. You are Cecily.  
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conflict that raged in England from 1455 to 1485. Jacquetta was the mother of Edward IV's much-hated commoner queen, Elizabeth Woodville, and she is

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lives of two other  
women: Margaret of  
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"Bokenham gives us not only an all-female hagiography--an authorial decision significant in its own right--but a gallery of powerful, articulate women who are indubitably worthy to do God's work. Some of them are well-

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educated, some give sound political advice to a monarch, some preach, converting hundreds and thousands to Christianity, some walk on water or perform resurrection. Nor are they pacifists; on the contrary, they call for



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divinely inflicted vengeance and approve violence in their cause." Delany argues that Geoffrey Chaucer's Legend of Good Women provided a principle of selection and of arrangement for Bokenham's array of saints. She

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and power. The names of few medieval monarchs and their queens are better known than Eleanor of Aquitaine, uniquely queen of France and queen of England, and her second husband Henry II. Although academically

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labeled ' medieval ' , their era was the violent transition from the Dark Ages, when countries ' borders were defined with fire and sword. Henry grabbed the English throne thanks largely to Eleanor ' s dowry because she owned one third of

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France. Their daughters also lived extraordinary lives. If princes fought for their succession to crowns, the princesses were traded – usually by their mothers – to strangers for political power without the bloodshed. Years

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before what would today be marriageable age, royal girls were dispatched to countries whose speech was unknown to them and there became the property of unknown men; their duty the bearing of sons to continue a



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dynasty and daughters who would be traded in their turn. Some became literal prisoners of their spouses; others outwitted would-be rapists and the Church to seize the reins of power when their husbands died. Eleanor 's

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daughters Marie and Alix were abandoned in Paris when she divorced Louis VII of France. By Henry II, she bore Matilda, Aliénor and Joanna. Between them, these extraordinary women and their daughters knew the extremes of

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power and pain. Joanna was imprisoned by William II of Sicily and worse treated by her brutal second husband in Toulouse. If Eleanor was libeled as a whore, Aliénor ' s descendants include two saints, Louis of France and

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Ignored by her sainted cousin Henry VI, mocked by her mother, married at age twelve, and endangered by childbirth, she vows to put her son on the throne.

Naming him Henry, she sends him into exile and pledges



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him in marriage to the daughter of her sworn enemy. Margaret charts her own way through loveless marriages, treacherous alliances, and secret plots. Finally, she gambles her life to mastermind one of the

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greatest rebellions of all time all the while knowing that her grown son and his army await the opportunity to win the greatest prize. Wife to Richard, Duke of York, mother to Edward IV and Richard III, and aunt to

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the famous 'Kingmaker',  
Richard, Earl of Warwick,  
Cecily Neville was a key  
player on the political  
stage of fifteenth-century  
Britain England.

Mythologically rumoured to  
have been known as 'the Rose

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of Raby' because of her beauty and her birth at Raby Castle, and as 'Proud Cis' because of her vanity and fiery temper, Cecily's personality and temperament have actually been highly speculated upon. In fact,

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much of her life is shrouded in mystery. Putting aside Cecily's role as mother and wife, who was she really? Matriarch of the York dynasty, she navigated through a tumultuous period and lived to see the birth

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of the future Henry VIII.  
From seeing the house of  
York defeat their  
Lancastrian cousins; to  
witnessing the defeat of her  
own son, Richard III, at the  
battle of Bosworth, Cecily  
then saw one of her

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granddaughters become Henry VII's queen consort. Her story is full of controversy and the few published books on her life are full of guess-work. In this highly original history, Dr John Ashdown-Hill seeks to dispel

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