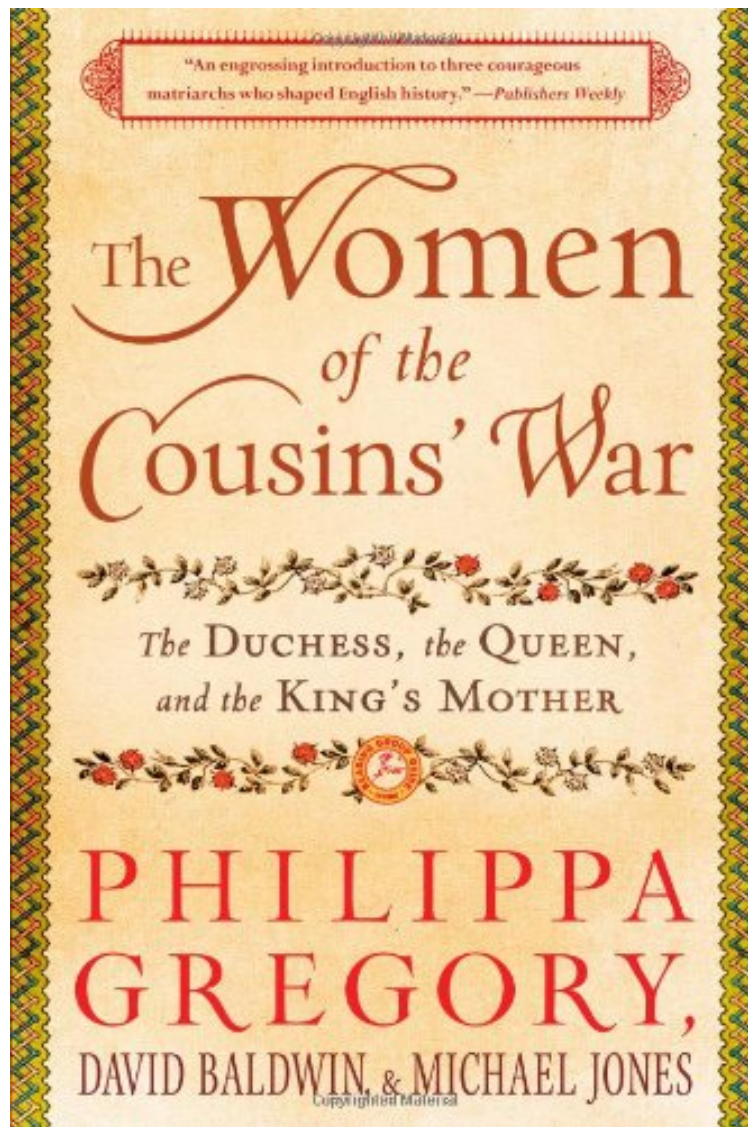


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Philippa Gregory, David Baldwin, Michael Jones : The Women of the Cousins' War: The Duchess, the Queen, and the King's Mother before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Women of the Cousins' War: The Duchess, the Queen, and the King's Mother:

4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Excellent Perspective On The Women By MusingCrow I was truly excited when I saw that this book was available for order. The women of the cousin's war were, in my opinion, some

of the most fascinating, intelligent, strong willed and motivated women of their time. My hope for the book was that it would elucidate the war in context with the women who played such an important role in the war. I was not disappointed from that perspective! Jacquetta, Duchess of Bedford, her daughter Elizabeth Woodville, the Queen (one of my favorite monarchs) and Margaret Beaufort, wife to Henry VII and mother to Henry VIII. I learned quite a bit about them and their familial relationships - which is what I wanted to understand more clearly. I found that this book really helped me sort out the myriad 'players' in this most important historical frame. Coincidentally, I was re-reading "Elizabeth, England's Slandered Queen" by Arlene Okerlund at the same time and that really helped me sort through the myriad inter-relationships that were a part of this remarkable, but unstable, time in England's history. I might have given this a 5 star had it all been more 'fleshed out' but as a general introduction to these amazing women and their important roles in the long conflict that ruled their lives I found the book to be well worth the reading. It will remain in my "British History Library"! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Beautiful book By Kindle Customer I just got this book just a couple of days ago. I am already enjoying this book tremendously. Another must read by Ms. Gregory. I am truly enjoying this book. First comes the story of Jaquitta Of Luxemburg. This tells about her life, first marriage and death of her first husband, then her second marriage to Richard Woodville, her first husband's Steward (Later to become Lord and Lady Rivers.) The second story concerns the eldest daughter of Jaquitta and Richards, Elizabeth. Wedded at the age of 15 to the 22 year old Eldest Grey Son. Very good. This book is a definite must read for anyone who loves to read historical fiction of all these colorful women of the English times. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Well written historical perspective By happy reader I really like the book, three essays each on one of the pivotal women in the Cousins War i.e. The War of the Roses. This was a historical account and not a novel. But it was very readable and used conjecture to propose the missing pieces. History on women in this time period is mostly through the men they were with during these times. Highly recommend it to those who read the historical novels about this time period.

#1 New York Times bestselling author Philippa Gregory joins two eminent historians to explore the extraordinary true stories of three women largely forgotten by history: Jacquetta, Duchess of Bedford; Elizabeth Woodville, queen of England; and Margaret Beaufort, the founder of the Tudor dynasty. In her essay on Jacquetta, Philippa Gregory uses original documents, archaeology, and histories of myth and witchcraft to create the first-ever biography of the young duchess who survived two reigns and two wars to become the first lady at two rival courts. David Baldwin, established authority on the Wars of the Roses, tells the story of Elizabeth Woodville, the first commoner to marry a king of England for love. And Michael Jones, fellow of the Royal Historical Society, writes of Margaret Beaufort, the almost-unknown matriarch of the House of Tudor. Beautifully illustrated throughout with rare portraits and source materials, *The Women of the Cousins War* offers fascinating insights into the inspirations behind Philippa Gregory's fiction and will appeal to all with an interest in this epic period.

An engrossing introduction to three courageous matriarchs who shaped English history. (Publishers Weekly) An engaging and interesting read . . . Fans of Gregory's novels should enjoy this glimpse into both her creative process and her essays on the three women who served as inspiration for her Wars of the Roses novels. (The Post and Courier (Charleston)) The publication of two books this season by Philippa Gregory gives us not only two more fascinating portraits of the English Wars of the Roses, it also opens a window onto the way the bestselling author of *The Other Boleyn Girl* applies her craft. (Los Angeles Times) About the Author Philippa Gregory is the author of several bestselling novels, including *The Other Boleyn Girl*, and is a recognized authority on women's history. She studied history at the University of Sussex and received a Ph.D. at the University of Edinburgh. She welcomes visitors to her website, PhilippaGregory.com. David Baldwin taught history at the Universities of Leicester and Nottingham for many years, and is the author of four books detailing the Wars of the Roses, including the acclaimed *Elizabeth Woodville, Mother of the Princes in the Tower*. Michael Jones wrote his dissertation on the Beaufort family and taught at the University of South West England, the University of Glasgow, and Winchester College. He is the author of six books, including *The King's Mother*, which was shortlisted for the Whitfield Prize.