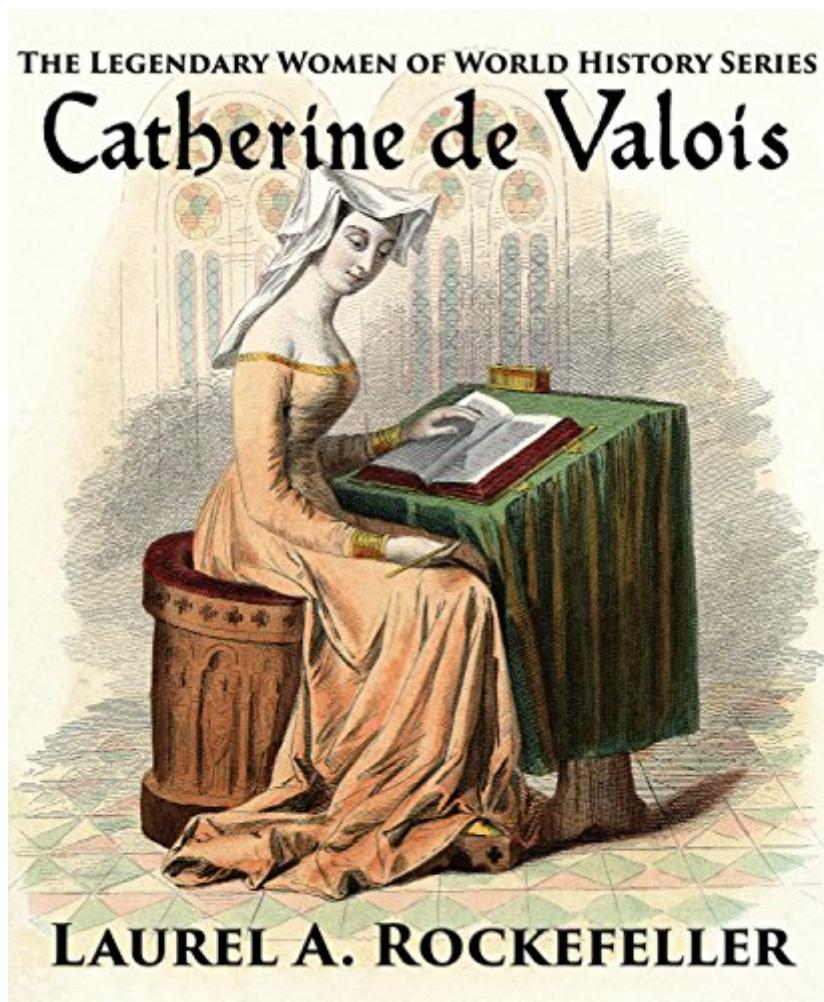


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# Catherine De Valois (The Legendary Women Of World History Book 2)



## **Synopsis**

War made her queen of England. Her love for a Welshman made her immortal. Best known as Henry V's Agincourt bride from Shakespeare's "Henry V," Catherine de Valois was an extraordinary woman of faith, courage, and conviction in an age of politically powerful women. A younger daughter to King Charles VI of France terrorized by his mental illness, Princess Catherine survived the ravages of his schizophrenia, a civil war at home, and King Henry's war with France to become one of Renaissance England's most fascinating and courageous queens. A Legendary Women of World History creative non-fiction biography. Includes a War of the Roses family tree, detailed timeline, and detailed suggested reading list/bibliography.

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## **Customer Reviews**

The author, Laurel A. Rockefeller, gave me a copy of this book in exchange for my review. The stated demographic is grades 2-12. Alex is a 12-year-old who will enter Grade 7 in the upcoming school year. Catherine de Valois by Laurel A. Rockefeller was her first exposure to this historical figure. Alex enjoyed that the narrative was a story told to a young bride by the sons of the

subject. Rockefellerâ™s style is very smooth and the anecdotes chosen fit together perfectly. The story led to discussion about historical cultural differences. Would a 12-year-old marry? Isnâ™t it sad that a mother wouldnâ™t see her son for years? Wasnâ™t it terribly cruel for a monarch to take property from people? Alex found the five-year-old Catherine unrealistically mature in her speech but understood that times were different and each day was uncertain especially when surrounded by war and an insane and powerful parent. Alex was happy for Catherine that in the end it seems she was able to do what she wanted even if it meant being separated from her son. Rockefeller provides a list for further reading at the end of the book as a guide for those, like Alex, interested in learning more. âœCatherine de Valoisâ• is an interesting, engaging, well-researched tale of the life of a strong woman in history and a must read for young girls and anyone looking for a quick historical read.

Catherine de Valois : Book Two of the Legendary Woman of World History SeriesI have a fascination with history and if you do too, youâ™ll love this short story. The story of Catherine de Valois is told to Margaret Beaufort; historical facts are woven seamlessly into a vibrant retelling. The short story opens with Margaretâ™s wedding to Edmund Tudor, and takes us through Catherineâ™s life, her marriage, the war between France and England, and even more importantly, a personal look into her life. Laurel A. Rockefeller weaves a wonderful story; she makes us feel as though we too are hearing the storytelling. I recommend this book to all you history lovers, and to those who like to read about strong women. I was gifted this eBook in return for an honest review.lavoiedebra@gmail.com

Note: Even though this is Book 2 in the series, it works just fine as a stand alone. Princess Catherine was daughter to Franceâ™s King Charles VI, who suffered from mental illness. During her lifetime, she knew the hardships of Franceâ™s civil war and Englandâ™s King Henry Vâ™s repeated warring in France. Married off to King Henry, peace between the two countries lasted briefly. After King Henry Vâ™s death, Catherine married a Welsh man, Owen Tudor. Before giving this book a listen, I knew very little about Queen Catherine. This is a great way to get introduced to this historical figure. The author uses touches of drama here and there to bring this bit of history to life. Since this book is only 69 minutes long, only the highlights of Queen Catherineâ™s life are covered. However, it is apparent from the beginning that Catherine comes from a line of women known to speak their minds, whether they are speaking to a man or a woman, a peasant or royalty. This book is classified as creative non-fiction by the author, a classification or genre that is

new to me. With that said, the book reads like a historical fiction and is not dry like many straight histories are. If folks are a bit intimidated by histories or historical fiction, this series of books is a great place to get started. I was provided this audiobook at no charge by the author in exchange for an unbiased review. Thanks! The Narration: Once again, Richard Mann has a very nice voice to listen to. He even gives a little singing here and there as the book requires. He has distinct voices for all the characters, and a good range for the male voices. His female voices could use a touch more femininity.

I absolutely adore this series. CATHERINE DE VALOIS was an impeccably written historical bio that took me back to that period in time. It had a real feel to it that makes me a fan of Laurel Rockefeller for writing about these strong, important women. Her writing style is exceptional. I love history and listening to this makes me want to learn more about the European women that were wives, mothers, and daughters to Kings and Queens as well as their heirs. This was an interesting piece that I would definitely recommend picking up. It's another gem. Richard Mann is fantastic in this audiobook. His narration is bar none perfect for these historical bios. He makes a great good guy and also a great villain. Plus this has a bonus of him singing. He has a wonderful voice and I look forward to more from both in this series.

I read this as part of Renaissance Queens by Laurel A Rockefeller while listening to the audiobook version. I enjoyed listening to the telling of Catherine's life. The song as sung by the narrator was very enchanting. I found this book very informative with the facts in between the story. This is a time period I really enjoy. I was given the audiobook as a gift and without solicitation leave this review.

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