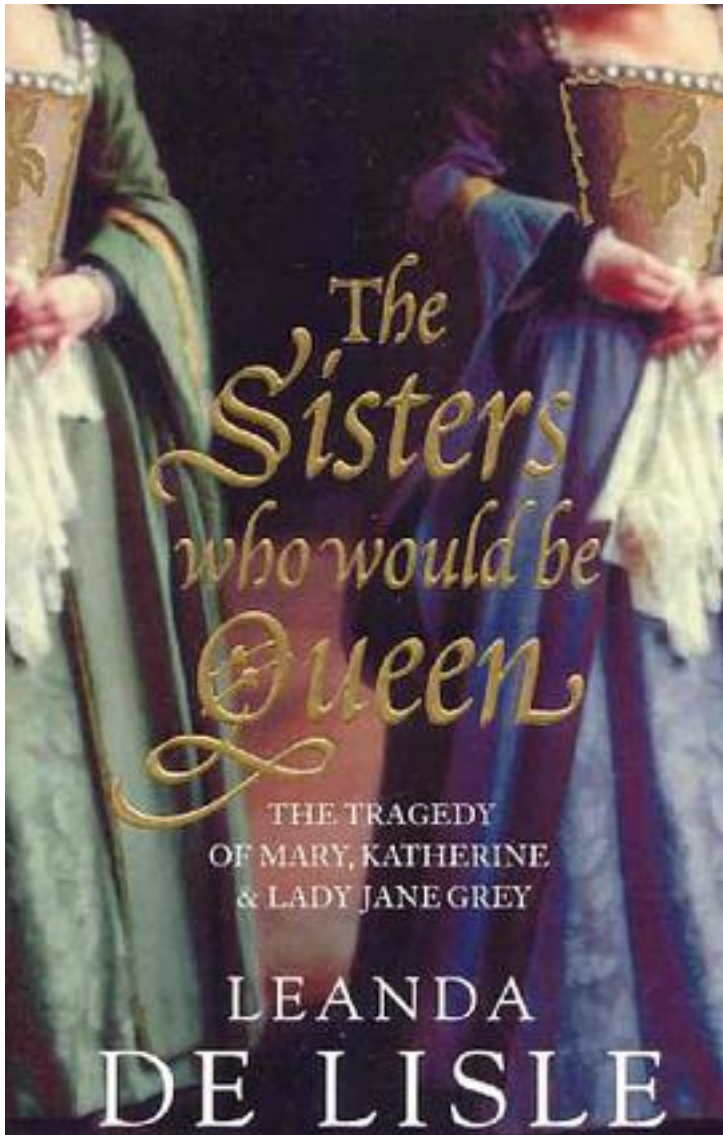


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The dramatic untold story of the Grey sisters, heirs to the Tudor throne. Lady Jane Grey, the Nine Day Queen, is one of the most notorious and yet enigmatic figures of Tudor history. Leanda de Lisle, acclaimed author of AFTER ELIZABETH, reveals that alongside her sisters Lady Katherine and Lady Mary, Lady Jane was at the centre of the close-knit circle which dominated mid Tudor Britain. Although ostensibly victims of the succession crisis following the death of Henry VIII, and the paranoia that ensued, the three sisters were dynamic individuals in their own right. Jane's last letter to Katherine exhorted her fourteen year old sister to 'learn how to die' but Katherine passionately wanted to live. She pragmatically changed her religion in order to retain royal favour but then threw it all away to conduct a passionate affair and then marry the man she loved, Edward Seymour. Lady Mary similarly married for love and also suffered the consequences as her husband was for many years gaoled in Fleet Prison and eventually died there. Their story is one in which high politics had the most personal possible impact on the women whose lives it charts, one in which the pressure for royal women to produce legitimate male heirs ended instead in their brutal deaths or enforced celibacy.

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