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The Other Elizabeth



Synopsis

14-year-old Elizabeth Tudor feels trapped. King Henry is dead, and her stepmother's new husband is dragging her into a dangerous game. When young commoner Grit Bexley arrives, Elizabeth can't help but notice how much they look alike. It doesn't take the girls long to decide to switch places. Now Grit can enjoy the luxury of the palace while Elizabeth escapes to warn her brother of impending danger to the crown. But can the princess survive the harsh outside world? And can Grit make Queen Katherine believe that she's royalty? Each girl will need all her wits to navigate her new world without getting caught.

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Customer Reviews

I love escaping into a great reading adventure and *The Other Elizabeth* by Elsa Watson is all that and more! Watson's novel may be targeted for young adult, but I found myself completely caught up in this imaginative, intriguing tale about two polar opposite 14-year-old girls

who trade places. The author does a superb job in blending Elizabethan history with fun fiction, a romping pace, and surprising edge-of-the-seat moments that will keep readers turning the pages. Honestly, I didn't want the story to end! The Other Elizabeth is sure to delight teens and grown-ups alike!

Princess Elizabeth Tudor trades places with a starving beggar girl, and only one person at the palace notices? The beggar is severely malnourished and filthy dirty. She and Lizzy swap clothes, with no time for anything other than a quick wash-up for beggar-girl. And no one (besides Lizzy's lady in waiting) notices that the princess is suddenly thin as a stick, smells to high-heaven and has greasy lice-ridden hair? OK - I added the lice, but you get the idea. The fake princess even gets a refresher course in table manners because she suddenly eats like a pig, and no one says, "Hey, wait a minute...." Yeah. Right. This attempt at revisiting The Prince and the Pauper went off the track early on. Gave up at 35% on my Kindle. I like re-imagined history, but it's gotta be plausible.

The Elizabethan age comes to brilliant life in this fresh new take on a classic old story. The writing hums with energy as young Elizabeth and Grit navigate their way through London and beyond. Filled with historical detail, but enough humor and suspense for modern sensibilities, this is a perfectly lovely read. Buy it for your teenager, but read it for yourself. It's THAT good.

I love this book! Two look-alike girls--one a princess, one a beggar--trade places. It's such a fun read! Elsa Watson writes beautifully and brings fourteen-year-old Elizabeth Tudor's world to life.

I could not put this book down! With echoes of A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court, the Elizabethan world comes alive. Both young women characters are strong and kind. I loved it. I didn't want it to end.

A perfect vacation book. I could easily transport myself into both lives. I bought for my tween, but am so glad I read it first. I loved the history and character development. Well written, highly recommend.

I ordered this by mistake. I got a free kindle books email, and this was on it. When I selected it, I was charged. I could not find a way to cancel the order.

I think I am the only reader that sees it is a poor copy of the Prince and the Pauper. Her writing style is good, easily read and a fairly quick plot keeps a reader interested. But the comparison between this story and the Prince and the Pauper makes it a poor second.

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