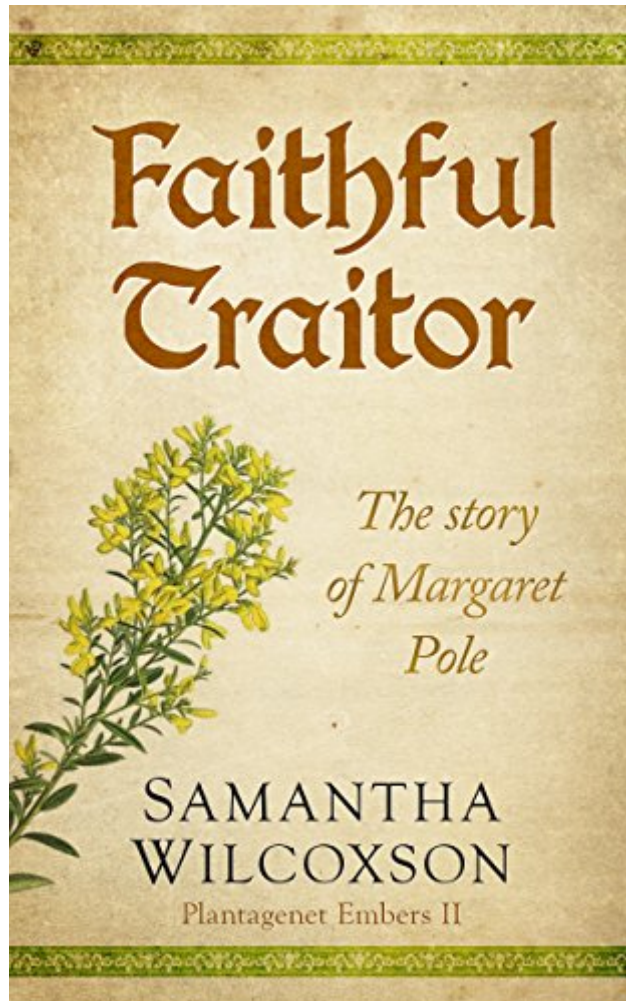


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Margaret Pole is no stranger to fortune's wheel. From her childhood as firstborn of the heir apparent of England, she was brought low as the daughter of a traitor. After years of turmoil as the Tudor dynasty made its roots, Margaret finds favor with her cousin, King Henry VIII. Will the remnant of the York dynasty thrive under this tempestuous king or will Margaret discover that there is a price to pay for having an excess of royal blood? Step into Tudor England . . .

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A magnificent and moving book that appealed to me on many dimensions. I had previously read about Margaret of York in books about the era and one book just about her. I feel this one is very important as it illustrates her life a bit differently which is necessary to understand the history of that time. An important dimension, in my estimation is how she looks back at her life trying to make sense of events, and her own, as well as God's, participation in it. I am a similar age and think that is a very astute angle for the writer to have pursued. In that same type of thought, how Margaret's relationship is with her children made me think in context my own four, each one having a unique place in the family. The difference, of course is her ingrained view of what it means to be a peer of them realm, and related to the King and his parents. This family had a long and convoluted history of

attacking their cousins and anyone who threatened them. How different might Margaret's life had been if her mother had lived, had her father not been executed by his brother and had Richard Pole who had stabilized her life not died? The events of her childhood alone were horribly traumatic and left little room for coping skills. God and her Catholic faith were indeed what she depended on, as did her quite religious children, or at least some of them. A very fine treatment of a family matriarch who was both progenitor and descendant of the ruling class of this era. 5 Stars ~ I am off to the Elizabeth of York book by Samantha Wilcoxson to take to the beach with me..

Margaret Plantagenet Pole was the daughter of the Duke of Clarence, Edward IV's brother and the Earl of Warwick's daughter. Because of such noble and royal parentage her life was always lived under the shadow of the axe, especially after the Tudors came to power. Her tale, with all of its drama, is depicted here in this vivid novel. Blending meticulous research and imaginative writing Samantha Wilcoxson weaves Margaret's story, beginning just before the death of her cousin, Elizabeth, Henry VII's queen and mother of Henry, through to Margaret's own end. In all the trials that Margaret faced the reader can see she is a woman to be admired and to have survived and served the Tudors and ensured that the Plantagenet blood lived on, that is no mean feat. In what is a very enjoyable read the author brings out the pageantry and danger of court life in Tudor times and reminds us how much those times were filled with intrigue for those close to the throne.

I was so glad I could find a book On Margaret Pole. I'm a Tudor fan. I love to read about that area. This is a great read.

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