

# THE WOMEN WHO MARRIED HENRY VIII

**Kathrine of Aragon**  
1485-1536



- Daughter of Ferdinand and Isabella, named “The Catholic Kings”
- Watched mother rule a kingdom
- Spent seven years in England waiting
- Descended from Edward III and had better claim to the throne than her husband
- Married to Prince Arthur November 1501 to April 1502
- Crowned alongside Henry June 1509
- Shaped Henry and his reign
- Married to Henry June 1509 to May 1533/January 1536

**Anne Boleyn**  
1501(?) -1536



- Descended from nobility, especially on mother’s side
- Father Thomas was well established at court
- Grew up in most refined courts of Europe, Austria and France
- Educated and sophisticated and French in manners and behavior
- Kept Henry interested for seven years
- Coronation held June 1533; only consort crowned with St. Edward’s crown
- Married to Henry Jan (?) 1533 to May 1536



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**Jane Seymour**  
1508(?)–1537



- Served in households of Katherine of Aragon and Anne Boleyn
- Although family was known for religious reform, was herself Catholic and conservative
- Descendant of Edward III through Lionel of Antwerp
- Shared great-grandmother with Anne Boleyn and Catherine Howard
- Described and praised for being gentle and charming
- Married to Henry May 1536 to October 1537

**Anne of Cleves**  
1515–1557



- Born on Dusseldorf and part of the House of La Marck
- Father joined Schmalkaldic League against Charles V; mother remained Catholic
- At first meeting with Henry, didn't recognize him in his disguise
- After annulment, lived in England and was close to Mary and Elizabeth
- Died in 1557 and buried in Westminster Abbey
- Married to Henry January to July 1540



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**Catherine Howard**  
1523(?) - 1542



- No official portrait confirmed to be of Catherine Howard
- Descendant of Howard family; niece of Duke of Norfolk; cousin of Anne Boleyn
- Ward of Dowager Duchess of Norfolk, step-grandmother, she Mannoxx and Dereham
- No experience at court before joining household of Anne of Cleves; probably a teenager
- Married to Henry July 1540 to November 1541/February 1542

**Kateryn Parr**  
1512(?) - 1547



- Parents prominent at Tudor court, mother valued education
- Two marriages: Edward Borough and John Neville; stepmother to Neville's children
- Visited family at court (may have been in Mary Tudor's household)
- Close relationship with Mary, Elizabeth and Edward
- First English queen to publish book
- After Henry's death, married Thomas Seymour
- Married to Henry July 1543 to January 1547

