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| **Thorns in a Realm of Roses** The Henry Queens  Thomas Crockett  **England, 1541.** King Henry receives an anonymous letter suggesting that his fifth wife, the young Katherine Howard, whom he had called a rose without a thorn, may have led an unchaste life before they married.  In the rose gardens of Hampton Court Palace, Henry feels the illusion of youth and virility slip away; he faces an uncertain future. Must he dispatch yet another wife? Old, overweight and increasingly infirm, could he find love and marry again to further secure the Tudor line?  Written with literary invention, *Thorns in a Realm of Roses* spans the final years in Henry’s reign. Peeling back the layers of life at Court, it examines the hearts and minds of Henry, his often-misbegotten queens, neglected daughter Mary and his many loyal, though wary, advisors as they all struggle to survive in a world embroiled in political and religious upheaval ruled by a petulant King.  **Author Bio** Born and raised in New York, Thomas Crockett spent thirty years as a theater director and writing teacher in the San Francisco Bay Area. On retirement Thomas turned his attention to his writing. He is an avid traveler and enjoys a love of reading and researching Italian and English history, about which much of his writing is focused. He lives in San Mateo, CA, USA.  **Previous Titles** The Florentine Trinity (9780692815014), Vision Press, 2017.  **Promotional Plans** Promotion to author's network of writing groups, social media promotion including JHP Fiction social platforms. Source key reviews by historical book bloggers and magazines in the lead up to publication. Author to promote book at the annual Historical Novel Society conference. Book launch and events at local libraries and bookstores in California.  **USP** An engaging, vivid depiction of life in King Henry VIII's Court, brimming with duplicitousness, suspicion and dishonour. A must-read for readers of the eternally popular Tudor fiction genre.  **Competing Books** Bring Up The Bodies 9780007315109, by Hilary Mantel Fourth Estate, 2013  **Categories** FICTION (General)(FIC040000) -> Alternative History(FIC040000) FICTION (General)(FIC014000) -> Historical(FIC014000) FICTION (General)(FIC031020) -> Thrillers (General)(FIC031020) -> Historical(FIC031020) |  | **Publication Date** April 2019  **Paperback** ISBN: 978-1-78904-034-0 $19.95  |  £13.99 8.5x5.5 inches | 216x140 mm 376PP  **e-book** ISBN: 978-1-78904-035-7 $7.99  |  £4.99  **Library of Congress** 2018932662 |
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