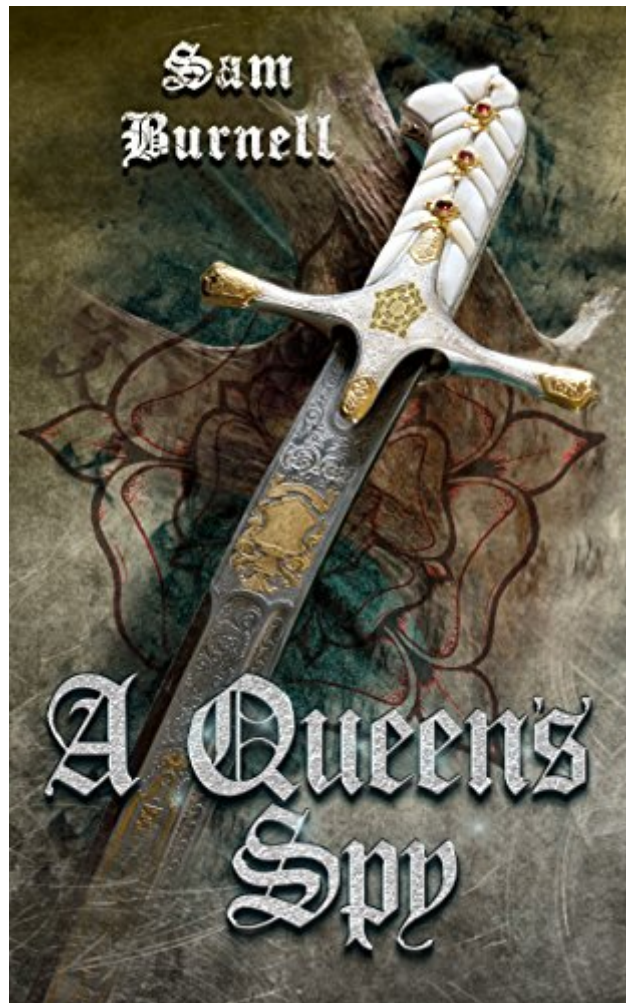




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Synopsis

A gripping Historical Adventure set in 16th Century Tudor England. Elizabeth Tudor needs a hero. Murder, Mystery & Intrigue with a Splash of Romance. Based on actual historical events, an epic tale of a young Tudor nobleman's courage as he tries to keep his future Queen safe in one of England's most turbulent eras. If you enjoy Tudor Fiction by Phillipa Gregory and Alison Weir then 'A Queen's Spy' is perfect for you. A fascinating insight into Tudor England and the life of Elizabeth I before she sets foot on the steps to the throne. The story unfolds in 16th Century Tudor England. Richard Fitzwarren is a Tudor nobleman with a dubious past who takes risks for a living. His close friendship with Princess Elizabeth leads to his banishment to France, but when he returns he remains loyal to her. At his side is Jack, his bastard sibling, and their relationship is a troubled one due to a family secret and their opposite personalities. Will he keep the future Queen safe? Will Richard Fitzwarren make it? Will he and his brother solve their issues? Will he manage to keep the Elizabeth Tudor safe? Get A Queen's Spy: The Tudor Mystery Trials NOW for Fast Paced Action. If you Love Tudor Historical Fiction you'll love this. As a young man he had been attached to Thomas Seymour's household, working with Seymour's spy and intelligence network. Seymour, married to Henry VIII's widow, Catherine Parr. Through his wife he became guardian of the young Elizabeth Tudor, and so Richard Fitzwarren became a close childhood friend of Elizabeth Tudor. So close that Seymour was readily believed when he blamed Richard for the liberties he himself had taken with the young princess. Banished from his father's house for the crimes he didn't commit, he's learnt his trade well in France returning to England a self styled Tudor soldier of fortune selling his services, and those of his mercenary band to the highest bidder. Now he's back in England, his bastard sibling at his side and a band of mercenaries at his back. Despite selling his services to support Northumberland place Lady Jane Grey on the throne he remains loyal to the lady Elizabeth; soon he is embroiled in Tudor intrigue as he tries to keep the Lady safe. At his side is Jack, his bastard sibling; their relationship a troubled one. Jack seeks to be his brother's equal but Richard has difficulty accepting him; impatient, impulsive and impetuous, he is everything Richard is not. There is a dark family secret Richard had always suspected; the final discovery of it changes the relationship between them forever. Praise for A Queen's Spy - "The Tudor Mystery Trials" - "A Queen's Spy: The Tudor Mystery Trials", is a highly charged cloak and dagger mystery set in the troubling times that followed the reign of King Henry VIII in 16th Century England. - Readers Favorite Dialogue and descriptive narrative carry this story along and give the reader a sense of the 16th Century. A thrilling and educational read. Readers Favorite It is very well written, the prose really conjure up a picture and a feel for the period. The story is complex

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Customer Reviews

From the very beginning, Sam Burnell's historical adventure novel *A Queen's Spy: The Fitzwarren Trials* • grabs your attention and doesn't let go. I liked how the novel started with an exciting life or death scene that sets up the story to come with an interesting relationship between Richard Fitzwarren and his bastard brother Jack, who Richard doesn't even know he is related to yet. I found it interesting that the story starts out being told from the perspective of Jack rather than Richard, but it really works because it gives you a unique perspective on Richard right from the start, one that you might not get if Richard himself had been

the one telling the story. I must say that I am not overly familiar with the history of the Tudors, although I do know their lineage was fraught with drama, betrayal, and passion, or at least that is the impression you get from media representations of them and bits of history. The novel definitely does not disappoint when it comes to all those juicy details. A really good read.

The Tudor Heresy continues in this book. When King Edward dies at a young age, the ascendancy to the throne of England in the mid-1500s is seen as a prize for several factions in that society. The struggle develops as a contest between Princess Elizabeth (daughter of Henry VIII) and Mary (a convert to Catholicism) with marriages and male heirs the thoughts of a variety of schemers, striving to gain the throne and other royal benefits. The spy in this case, Richard Fitzwarren, falsely accused of an indecent incident, takes the punishment that belonged to someone else. I don't intend to give away anything, but the tale involves all manner of lies and trickery, including a misidentified bastard child in the household of Lord Seymour. The story begins with a summary of a few facts circa 1548, but the author assures that all the rest is fiction ... and good fiction, at that.

Excellent story line, well told. The multitude of plot twists kept me intrigued. I would have given it a 5 star, except for the editing missed a few times. A word left out here and there, not enough to damage the story, however. Looking forward to the next one.

I would definitely recommend this book to anyone that likes historical fiction. It kept my interest from start to finish with interesting characters and intriguing tale.

I was totally dismayed the bulk of the story was about antagonism between brothers and stepbrothers, etc. This would have been better titled, "Feud between Brothers" Still not sure where the mystery was!!

It was very interesting to read. I love period books like this. I love reading books about kings, queens & how they lived.

A Queens Spy: The Fitzwarren Trials written by Sam Burnell is a wonderfully written historical fiction novel. There are so many things going on in this book, but the author does a terrific job at making it all come together perfectly as well as grabbing and holding the reader's attention from the first page right to the last. I loved the opening, it was dramatic and really pulled me into the story. I

like how the main focus is on Jack and Richard's relationship and drama, but it also ties in with the Tudor history and it is all so well written and descriptive. I enjoy historical fiction, but I believe that fans of other genres will also enjoy this book. There are a lot of characters mentioned and written about, but I actually found it quite easy to follow because the writing was so good. I have watched the show the Tudors and this book is one thousand times better. I really enjoyed it and highly recommend this book and author!

I love how the author combines her knowledge of history and archaeology into a most engaging and fascinating historical novel. This era of English history is one of my favorites, and I have read several nonfiction books that pertain to this time and place. Though I'm an American, both sides of my family have their roots in the northeastern part of England (like the author), so that made me more eager to read *A Queen's Spy*. I really like the author's writing style and especially how she is able to manage a relatively large group of characters in a way that makes it easy to follow. Not an easy task for an author, but Burnell does it masterfully in this novel. If you like historical (especially medieval) fiction, then you won't be disappointed with this book. This is one of the best I've read in this genre.

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