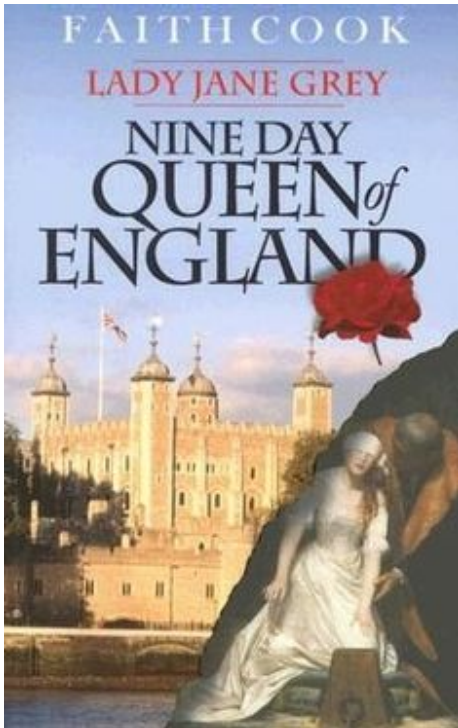


book of the month *Nine Day Queen of England* – Faith Cook



Each week, for a couple months, thecripplegate.com blog is posting a short biographical sketch of various reformers. The following was recently published on their website about Lady Jane Grey, the 16 year-old Reformation martyr:

Lady Jane Grey (1537-1554) is known as the nine day queen of England. A distant relative of Henry VIII, she spent much of her childhood in the king's court, being groomed to marry Edward, the next-in-line for the throne. By age 7 both she and Edward knew Latin and Greek, and through reading the New Testament both had been converted to Christ.

Edward became king as a boy, died a few years later—likely poisoned by one of his advisers—resulting in Lady Jane becoming Queen. Jane knew nothing of the order of succession, and came to

the throne reluctantly. But she realized that if she took a stand for Christ and against the Mass, she could leave a mark on England.

After only nine days, Jane was betrayed by her father and overthrown by her Spanish (and Catholic) cousin, Mary. Imprisoned, she was offered mercy if only she would take the Mass. Instead she publicly debated Mary's chaplain about transubstantiation. By all accounts the seventeen-year-old girl won the debate, for which she would lose her life. She was beheaded shortly thereafter.

Jane's legacy is seen in the fact that after Bloody Mary's death, England would never again be a Catholic nation. English history was forever changed by the gospel-fueled martyrdom of a teenage queen.

The booktable servants are excited to help familiarize our church with an obscure, yet indispensable slice of church history. We pray that this reminds you of the cost of the faith that we hold and emboldens your own witness for the sake of Christ and His gospel!

- **Omri Miles**

Suggested One-Month Reading Plan: (6 pages per day)

Week 1: October 1st – 7th

Preface – 2 pages
Born a Tudor - 14 pages
Lady Jane's Early Years – 10 pages
Introduced to Court – 10 pages

Week 2: October 8th – 14th

The Shadow of Death – 8 pages
Up For Sale – 12 pages
Plots...Plots...Plots – 8 pages
Political and Religious Upheaval – 1549-52 – 14 pages

Week 3: October 15th – 21st

'That Noble and Worthy Lady' – 14 pages
Edward and Jane – in Strength and Weakness – 10 pages
Edward's 'Devise' – 10 pages
Reluctant Queen – 8 pages

Week 4: October 22nd – 28th

A Counterclaim – 14 pages
Defenceless and Alone – 10 pages
A Prisoner of the Crown – 16 pages

Week 5: October 29th – November 4th

A Fatal Rebellion – 10 pages
'I Have Kept the Faith' – 10 pages
A Crown of Righteousness – 14 pages
The Years that Followed – a Brief Overview – 11 pages