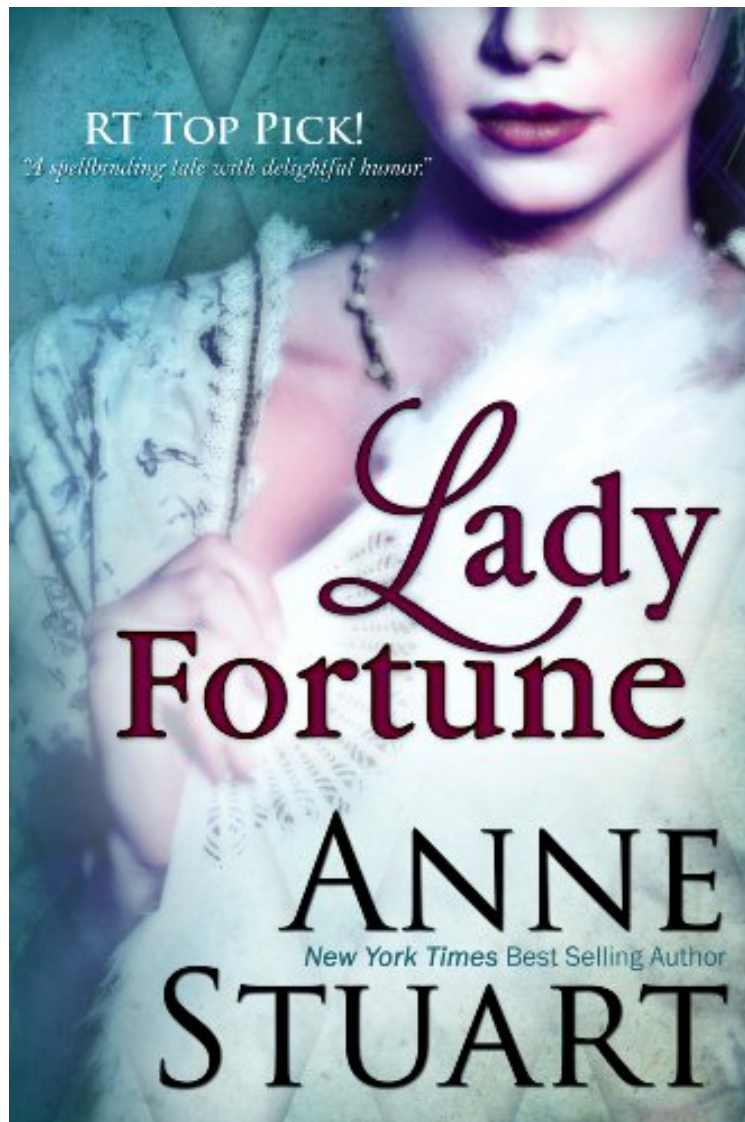


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Stuart at her dazzling best - as always!Von Deborah MacgillivrayAnne Stuart has a habit of conjuring dark and dangerous men, men that are not your normal heroes, and makes you fall for them. She has given supposed killers, a hit man, a mercenary, even a cult leader. It's as if she likes to tweak our noses and say I can make you love the devil when you tell me you won't. And she does it like none other. This time the challenge was to make you love a fool. Not an idiot,

but a real fool for the King Henry of England. Nicholas Strangefellow is the fool for the King, but being a contrary Stuart character he's not your average fool. He is tall, handsome and much brighter than anyone stops to see. The King sees some of it, thus he trusts Nicholas on a special errand for him, fetch back a holy relic - a chalice of the blessed Saint Hugelina the Dragon - and he will reward Nicholas. Nicholas has long used the mask of the fool to his advantage, and sees the task as the end of the road. A son of a baron, he saw the family lands taken and his father killed when he chose to fight on the wrong side of the struggle with Henry and his sons. He was forced to survive on his wits, and what better way to curry favor than by playing the buffoon? The Chalice in the keeping of Lord Hugh. Hugh is to marry Isabeau, so Henry sends Nicholas to the couple to entertain at their wedding feast, giving him the opportunity of stealing the cup. Nicholas travels in the company of Julianna, the estranged daughter of Isabeau, and the young widow soon intrigues him. Julianna was wed when she was eleven years old to a sixty-year-old man. For ten years, she has hated her mother for allowing her father to marry her off, so returning for her mother's marriage is not something she is looking forward to. Her short temper is exacerbated by the irritating fool, who makes jest of all, wears annoying bells on his sleeves, recites riddles that have deep meanings and is much too handsome. She cannot help but be attracted to the sharp-witted fool, and Nicholas sees something in Julianna he has not seen in the countless other women he has bedded. Nicholas Strangefellow is a very complex man, not your typical hard as nails Stuart Bad Boy, but he still is a delight. Stuart writes with the realities of conditions and life for women in the Middle Ages without pulling punches, and gives you a rich set of characters for her merry tale. Stuart at top form - but when is she not? 1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Stuart makes it so believable. Von 10 A jester and a lady? Usually you have lords and impoverished damsels in distress in parodies of 'Cinderella', yet we have some sort of role reversal here, which is one of the most enjoyable trademarks of Ms Stuart's stories. I also like the slow but delicious buildup of the romance, and especially that Nicholas was left with a deep first impression of Julianna because she was truly special in his eyes (she was the first to want and be able to ignore him totally, how is that for first impressions?) and not because of an unexpected reaction to her in his nether parts (there really is too much of that nowadays!) All in all, a gem of the genre. 1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Funny and romantic! Von Ein Kunde This is my first historical for the year 2000. And I loved this book! Nicholas, the jester has to be one of the most charming heroes in romance. This is the first time I've read a story with the court jester being the star of the book. What an unique story. Hidden agendas, a hidden chalice, several entertaining characters along with the romance make this book so much fun to read. And Anne Stuart always makes me glad I picked up one of her books. Enjoy this book, it's a winner!

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