

Hello from Author Barbara Kyle



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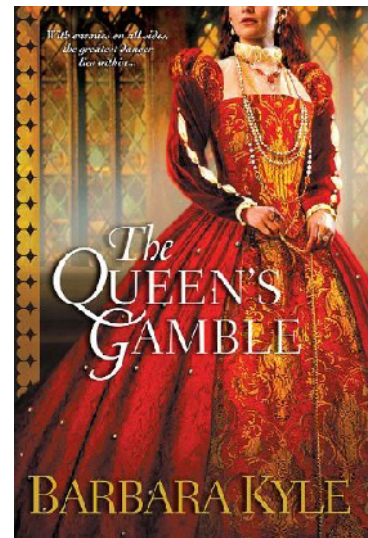
THE QUEEN'S GAMBLE

I'm pleased to announce that my new novel *The Queen's Gamble* was released this week. It's now in stores throughout the United States and Canada, and of course can be ordered online, too. I hope you'll enjoy this fourth book in my "Thornleigh" series.

Young Queen Elizabeth I's path to the throne has been a perilous one, and already she faces a dangerous crisis. French troops have landed in Scotland to quell a rebel Protestant army, and Elizabeth fears once they are entrenched on the border, they will invade England.

Isabel Thornleigh has returned to London from the New World with her Spanish husband, Carlos Valverde, and their young son. Ever the Queen's loyal servant, Isabel is recruited to smuggle money to the Scottish rebels. Yet Elizabeth's trust only goes so far—Isabel's son will be the Queen's pampered hostage until she completes her mission. Matters grow worse when Isabel's husband is engaged as military advisor to the French, putting the couple on opposite sides in a deadly cold war.

"Action-packed adventure that expertly blends fiction with history...a pulsating story of valor and greed, love and passion, and the tremendous cost of loyalty." Publishers Weekly blog



Note: If you live in Canada there's a special Signature Edition of *The Queen's Gamble* available exclusively at WalMart Canada stores. This is a limited edition of 5,000 with a front page signed by me. (After signing 5,000 times my hand was a little cramped!)

THE "NAME THE THORNLEIGHS' HOUSE" CONTEST

This [contest](#) closed on September 1st. Congratulations to the winners!

- The winner: Pat Larke of Indiana for "Rosethorn Manor"

(It's an odd but lovely coincidence that Pat's last name is the same as that of my character Honor Larke. She and others submitted several names that played on "Larke," which delighted me.)

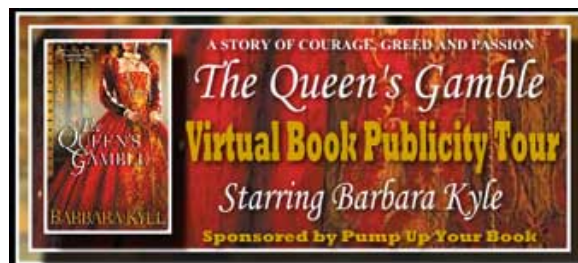
- 1st runner-up: Hollye Patterson of Tennessee for "Larkeleigh"
- 2nd runner-up: Linda Lefler of Nova Scotia for "Thornbloom"
- 3rd runner-up: Lynne Deragon of Ontario for "Larkston Place"
- 4th runner-up: Colonel Elmer Follis of Tennessee for "Haven Hall"

Thank you to everyone who sent in name suggestions. There were scores of you, and most sent in multiple names. Choosing the winners was hard!

I'll use the winning name "Rosethorn Manor" in the book I'm currently writing, scheduled for publication in late 2012, and I'll thank Pat in the acknowledgements.

All five winners will receive an autographed copy of *The Queen's Gamble*.

VIRTUAL BOOK TOUR



Join me as I tour the blogosphere throughout September on my [virtual book tour](#)! I'll make stops at over a dozen terrific blogs, doing interviews and guest posts. Visit the blogs on the [schedule](#), and leave a comment with them if you wish. Should be fun!

STAYING IN TOUCH

You, the reader, create each story. I'm serious – my books contain mere ink on pages; you literally create the people and action in your mind as you read. And when you get in touch with me by e-mail, Facebook, or Twitter, I cherish the interaction.

Besides, in interacting with you, I learn a lot. In last year's "Name Carlos's Horse" contest, readers sent me fascinating tidbits about the history of war horses and various horse breeds. In last month's "Name the Thornleights' House" contest, people sent details on the history, geography, and even geology of Hertfordshire.

I've also learned how much my characters mean to you. Indeed, many have sent suggestions about what certain characters should do. And, in the "Send a Photo" contest that asked for a picture of the reader with one of my books, it was a treat to see so many faces engrossed in reading. I posted some on my Facebook Author Page.

It means a lot to me to stay in touch with you. So please, keep it up. Teach me more!

Here are a few links to help us stay connected:

Facebook: [Barbara Kyle Author Page](#)

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The "Thornleigh" Saga:

