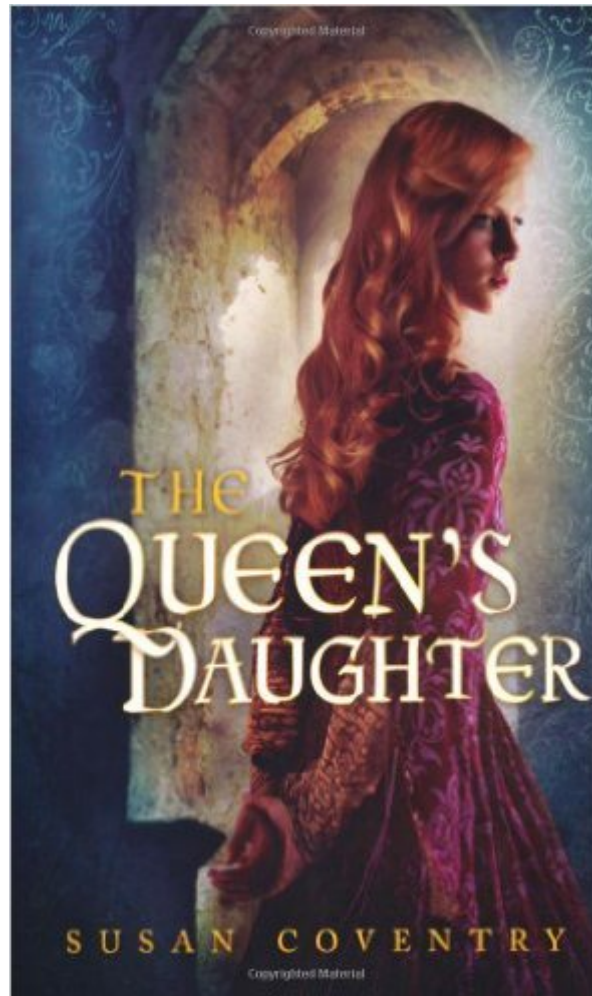


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# The Queen's Daughter



## Synopsis

Joan's mother is Queen Eleanor of Aquitaine, the most beautiful woman in the world. Her father is Henry II, the king of England and a renowned military leader. She loves them both "so what is she to do when she's forced to choose between them? As her parents' arguments grow ever more vicious, Joan begins to feel like a political pawn. When her parents marry her off to the king of Sicily, Joan finds herself stuck with a man ten years her senior. She doesn't love her husband, and she can't quite forget her childhood crush, the handsome Lord Raymond. As Joan grows up, she begins to understand that her parents' worldview is warped by their political ambitions, and hers, in turn, has been warped by theirs. Is it too late to figure out whom to trust? And, more importantly, whom to love? The Queen's Daughter is a 2011 Bank Street - Best Children's Book of the Year.

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## Customer Reviews

I've been trying to get my hands on this book for six months or more. Yeah, really. How many people would hold out that long for a book unless they REALLY wanted to read it. Well, after reading the description on and the reviews (not to mention being something of a historical fiction and YA fiction fan), I knew that The Queen's Daughter was the book for me. It seemed to have virtually everything I enjoy in a good historical -not to mention the Eleanor of Aquitaine connections, which always interest me. But, I could never seem to find it anywhere. My local library didn't have it. It was never at any Half Price Book location I visited. And, believe it or not, whenever I set foot in a Barnes & Noble, I couldn't ever find it. After coming into some gift cards, I decided it was finally time

to invest in the book online. In *The Queen's Daughter*, author Susan Coventry explores the life of Joan, the daughter of Eleanor of Aquitaine and Henry II of England with a YA-style approach. From a young age, Joan feels the pull of court politics, as well as the "taint" placed on her mother for divorcing (completely against the social conventions of the time) her first husband, King Louis of France, and marrying the up-and-coming Henry of Anjou (later king of England). Even worse, Joan must survive the strife between her mother and father as Henry's affections begin to wander. As soon as a deal can be made, Joan is sent to marry the king of Sicily, and thrown into yet another web of politics. I guess I have mixed feelings about this book.

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