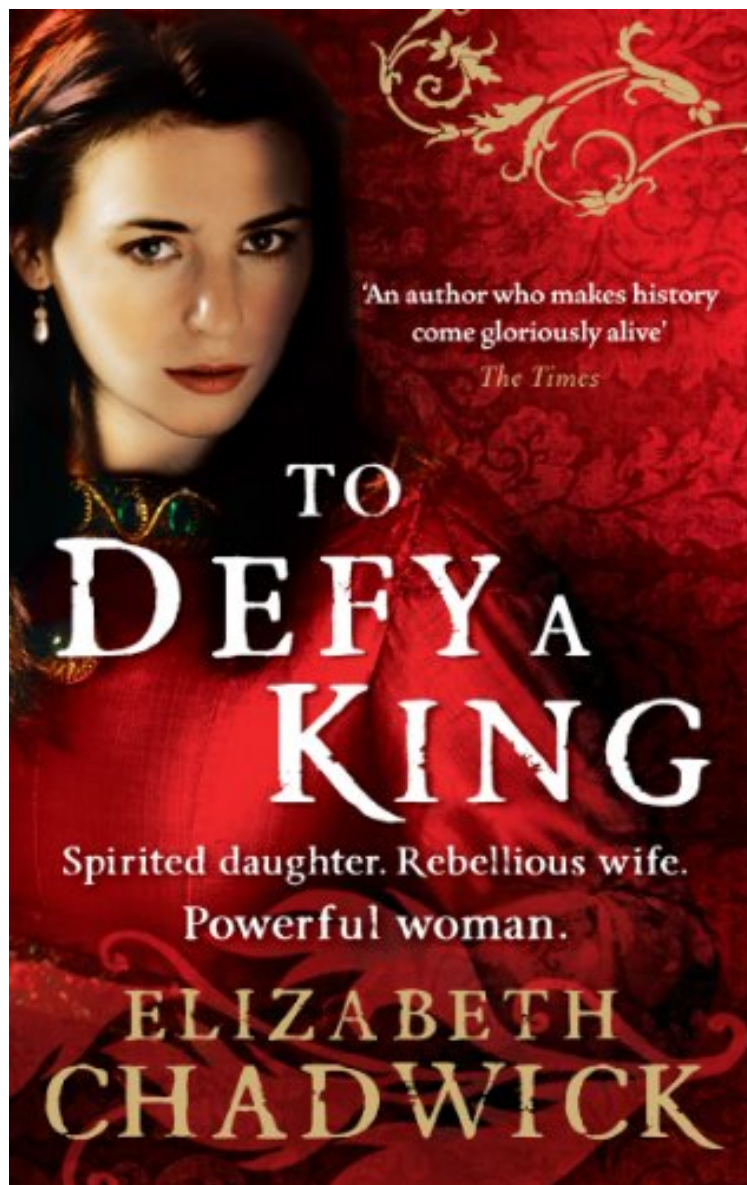


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Entertaining Historical Novel, with Minor FlawsVon Monika Simon'To Defy a King' is a historical novel by the prolific author Elizabeth Chadwick. Like many books of this genre, it focuses on a 'strong' female character, in this

case Mahelt, daughter of William Marshal, earl of Pembroke, and wife of Hugh Bigod, heir of the earl of Norfolk. The novel is very well researched (though some research methods are rather unorthodox) and provides, as far as the facts are concerned, a good description of the events of this time. The years of the tyrannical rule of King John are a fascinating period of increasing unrest, civil war and political change. It is an entertaining, even gripping tale, probably more so for those who, unlike me, do not already know what is going to happen next on the 'big stage' of English history. The characters are interesting, but a clear demarcation is drawn between the good guys and the bad guys. Few waver somewhere in the middle. Personally, I prefer characters to be a little more complex. I find this clear-cut good vs. bad less interesting. Particularly if the 'good' people also are the ones who are good-looking, love children, treat their social inferiors with respect and never hurt animals unnecessarily, while the 'bad' people are cruel to animals, have no patience for children and treat their servants, lower ranking men and women of all classes with disrespect. Here the 'good' people also display in part amazingly modern attitudes, for example about a woman's place in life, while their 'bad' counterparts are mentally stuck in the middle ages, as one might envision them. Despite these drawbacks, I did enjoy 'To Defy a King'. Having quite extensively researched the period myself and being a rather demanding reader, I also know that my perspective is different than that of many other readers and can recommend it to friends of historical novels. 0 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. (Eine Rezension braucht keinen Titel.) Von Vera Sehr empfehlenswert! Toll geschrieben, interessant, auch geschichtlich! (Die Rezension sollte ich schreiben können wie ich will und nicht nach irgendwelchen Vorschriften.)

Kurzbeschreibung From acclaimed novelist Elizabeth Chadwick comes a story of huge emotional power set against the road to Magna Carta and the fight to bring a tyrant king to heel. The privileged daughter of one of the most powerful men in England, Mahelt Marshal's life changes dramatically when her father is suspected of treachery by King John. Her brothers become hostages and Mahelt is married to Hugh Bigod, heir to the earldom of Norfolk. Adapting to her new life is hard, but Mahelt comes to love Hugh deeply; however, defying her father-in-law brings disgrace and heartbreak. When King John sets out to subdue the Bigods, Mahelt faces a heartbreaking battle, fearing neither she, nor her marriage, is likely to survive the outcome . . . Winner of the RNA Historical Novel Award 2011, TO DEFY A KING is magnificent in scope and detail, with characters that leap off the page - this is historical fiction at its finest. **Pressestimmen** As always, Chadwick simply dazzles the reader with her superb characterisation, her ability to bring the period alive, so we feel as if we are walking alongside the characters, seeing what they see, hearing the tumult surrounding them - sharing in their agonies, and celebrating their joys. I cannot commend the work of Chadwick's highly enough - if you enjoy historical fiction, she will surely become a firm favourite, if she isn't already (Bookbag blog) Chadwick skilfully weaves her impressive historical research into a gripping narrative (Daily Express) **Pressestimmen** As always, Chadwick simply dazzles the reader with her superb characterisation, her ability to bring the period alive, so we feel as if we are walking alongside the characters, seeing what they see, hearing the tumult surrounding them - sharing in their agonies, and celebrating their joys. She has a keen insight too into the minds of her younger characters, and some of the best scenes revolve around the children, in all branches of the families. I cannot commend the work of Chadwick's highly enough - if you enjoy historical fiction, she will surely become a firm favourite, if she isn't already ranking highly in your 'favourite author s' list!' www.bookbag.co.uk