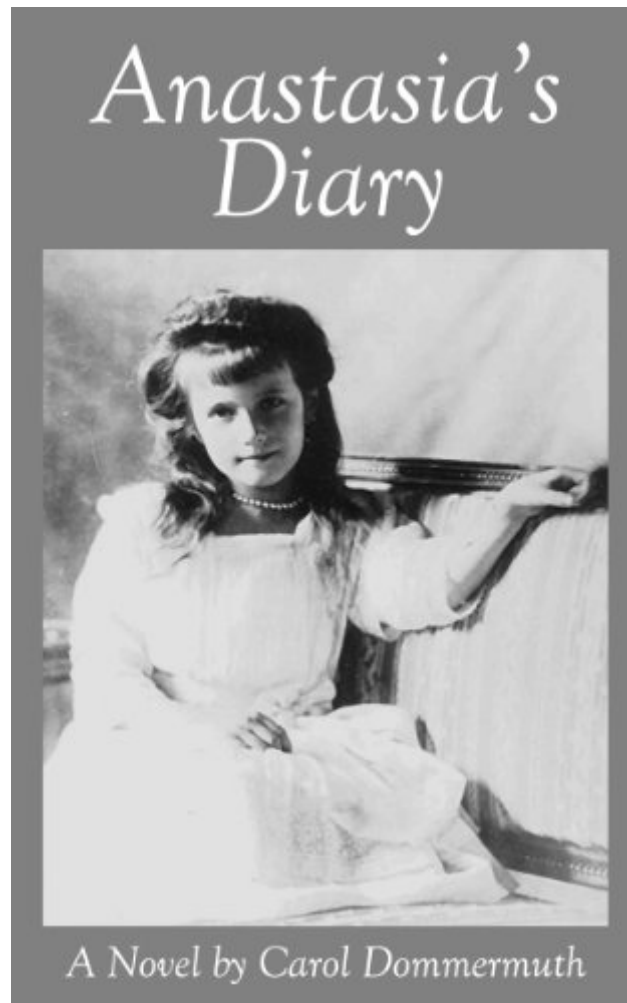




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Anastasia's Diary



Synopsis

She was the sixteen-year-old Duchess of Russia living on a palatial estate with everything she could want. Then the people decided that they had had enough of the Tsar and his family, and they devised a murderous plan to end his rule forever. Although the name “Anastasia” is recognized by almost everyone today, most people don’t know the real story of Anastasia’s life: what it was like to be a royal Duchess in Russia; how it felt to be imprisoned in the palace and have everything taken away from her; and the terror of being escorted under guard to a small town in Siberia, the family’s final destination. This is a classic fairy tale story without a happy ending, of a princess who had everything in the world until her father’s rule was overthrown and the family were incarcerated and ultimately assassinated. This diary, although a fictionalized version of what fifteen-year-old Anastasia would have written about if her diaries had not been destroyed, was carefully researched and includes true dates and experiences that Anastasia had.

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Customer Reviews

I loved this novel! Told by the teenage Anastasia Romanov as an adolescent might write in her

diary. All the dates and facts are real and made me want to know more about the history behind the mass assassination of Russia's royal family. This novel was obviously well researched, and the subject thoroughly understood by the author. I spent several hours researching the subject online after I was done reading because the book piqued my interest so much. The sign of a great book! Highly recommended!

In reality, the Romanov family burned their diaries some time prior to being assassinated.

Anastasia's Diary by Carol Dommermuth is a fictionalized version of what Anastasia Romanov's diary might have looked like during the last few months before her father abdicated, beginning just prior to Rasputin's death, and then on through the first several months of incarceration, first at the palace and then at Tobolsk. The book follows the known events combined with what a 15-16 year old girl would likely be thinking, making it a nice, short introduction to the last months in the Romanovs' lives.

A fascinating fictionalized account of the last year of Anastasia Romanov's life told via diary form. The author manages to capture both the voice and innocent ignorance of a sixteen-year-old born to luxury and great wealth at a time of social and political upheaval in Russia. The diary draws us into the frustrations of a teenager having to cope with the dramatic changes in day-to-day life imposed on her family, while having little idea of the ultimate fate that awaited them. While tagged as children's literature, the book makes for interesting reading for adults too.

I don't usually enjoy novels told in diary form but was interested in the topic and thought I'd give this book a try. And I loved it! I was drawn into Anastasia's life and mind from page one. Anastasia's dialogue with her diary felt and sounded real and the dangers and tensions of her time were both subtly and vividly related through a voice that rang true. I would recommend this book to teens and adults who want to get to know (and love) Anastasia.

I gave this book a favorable rating because I think the author made it believable. I would hope that the family's last days weren't any worse than depicted in this make believe diary. It truly sounds like a horrible experience for anyone to endure.

A good read for those interested.

I chose four stars for this book. I like it, but I wish it would have been longer or more in depth. All in all it was a very good book though and if you like Anastasia you will like this book.

I love this book. This is the best book I have ever read. I love this book it is the best book ever

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