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Book Title: *House of Seymour*
Book Author: Joanna Hickson
Rating (1–5): 4

The House of Seymour by Joanna Hickson is this historical fiction kind of thing about the early Seymour family, and how they rise up in England around the 1400s, sort of. The story kind of mostly drifts along with Isabel Williams after she marries John Seymour, a man where his ambition keeps pulling him toward bigger wealth and more influence, you know. There is also Jess, a young shepherdess, who ends up tied into Isabel after she's forced out of her home, like suddenly. Over time, as the days keep turning, the characters get drawn into the political mess around the young King Henry VI. The book gives readers a view of ordinary family life and social position and ambition, and also political power, in a period that feels completely unlike modern times.

I would sort of recommend The House of Seymour to readers who kinda enjoy historical fiction, royalty, family drama, and you know stories that revolve around real historical families. If someone is into the Tudor period, or just English history in general, I think they'd get a lot out of it, especially too. It also felt like a decent pick for folks who like ambition as a theme, and how a single family's decisions can ripple into the future generations.

Overall, I'd give the book a 4 out of 5, and yeah I did enjoy the characters and the historical setting. It also made me more curious about the real Seymour family, and their connection to English royalty, which I didn't know a lot about before.