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## A Renaissance

Court Mar 17 2022

"A vivid portrait of the arguably most brilliant court in early Renaissance Europe, which will be used by medieval/Renaissance historians and by musicologists, art historians, and social historians."--

Vincent Ilardi,  
University of  
Massachusetts at  
Amherst

## **Secular Cycles**

Nov 13 2021

"Secular Cycles elaborates and expands upon the demographic-structural theory first advanced by Jack Goldstone, which provides an explanation of long-term oscillations. This book tests that theory's specific and quantitative predictions by tracing the dynamics of population numbers, prices and real wages,

elite numbers and incomes, state finances, and sociopolitical instability. Turchin and Nefedov study societies in England, France, and Russia during the medieval and early modern periods, and look back at the Roman Republic and Empire. Incorporating theoretical and quantitative history, the authors

examine a specific model of historical change and, more generally, investigate the utility of the dynamical systems approach in historical applications."--  
BOOK JACKET.

**Caterina Sforza's Gli Experimenti**

Jan 15 2022 During the Renaissance beauty products and herbal medicines were made in the workshops of monasteries, still rooms of homes large and small, or by alchemists in their storefronts. These arts were part of traditions handed down from Arab, Roman, Greek, and Turkish cultures. Every family had its own book of secrets (Libretti di Secreti,

Tesori, Tesoretti) where they recorded successful iterations of their personal recipes for cosmetics, medicines, and household products such as dyes, candles, pesticides, etc. One example of this type of book is Caterina Sforza's alchemical, medical experiment, and recipe collection titled "Gli Experimenti de la Ex.ma S.r Caterina da Furlj Madre de lo inllux.mo S.r Giouanni de Medici", or "Gli Experimenti". In this book Gigi Coulson has translated 24 of Caterina's beauty recipes into modern English for the benefit of those wanting to try their hand at creating them in their own

still rooms.

**From Splendor to**

**Revolution** May 07 2021 This sweeping saga recreates the extraordinary opulence and violence of Tsarist Russia as the shadow of revolution fell over the land, and destroyed a way of life for these Imperial women The early 1850s until the late 1920s marked a turbulent and significant era for Russia. During that time the country underwent a massive transformation, taking it from days of grandeur under the tsars to the chaos of revolution and the beginnings of the Soviet Union. At the center of all this tumult were four women of the Romanov dynasty.

Marie Alexandrovna and Olga Constantinovna were born into the family, Russian Grand Duchesses at birth. Marie Feodorovna and Marie Pavlovna married into the dynasty, the former born a Princess of Denmark, the latter a Duchess of the German duchy of Mecklenburg-Schwerin. In *From Splendor to Revolution*, we watch these pampered aristocratic women fight for their lives as the cataclysm of war engulfs them. In a matter of a few short years, they fell from the pinnacle of wealth and power to the depths of danger, poverty, and exile. It is an unforgettable epic

story. [Masters of Command](#) Apr 25 2020 Analyzes the leadership and strategies of three forefront military leaders from the ancient world, offers insight into the purposes behind their conflicts, and shows what today's leaders can glean from their successes and failures. [The Golden Tower](#) Mar 05 2021 Transported to the land of Tuscia, Sophie accidentally saves the daughter of a wealthy family and is swept along on their journey to the Golden Tower. Now she is the only one standing between sisters Isabella and Bia and the terrible fate their stepmother

has planned. Sophie doesn't think she is brave enough, but with the help of a talking cat, a stableboy and some very tiny mischief-makers, she might be able to save the day.

### **The War Queens**

Aug 30 2020

“Masterfully captures the largely forgotten saga of warrior queens through the ages . . . an epic filled with victory, defeat, and legendary women.”

—Patrick K.

O'Donnell,

bestselling author

of *The*

*Indispensables*

History's killer

queens come in all

colors, ages, and

leadership styles.

Elizabeth Tudor

and Golda Meir

played the roles of

high-stakes

gamblers who

studied maps with an unblinking, calculating eye. Angola's Queen Njinga was willing to shed (and occasionally drink) blood to establish a stable kingdom in an Africa ravaged by the slave trade. Caterina Sforza defended her Italian holdings with cannon and scimitar, and Indira Gandhi launched a war to solve a refugee crisis. From ancient Persia to modern-day Britain, the daunting thresholds these exceptional women had to cross—and the clever, sometimes violent ways in which they smashed obstacles in their paths—are evoked in vivid detail. The narrative sidles up to these war queens

in the most dire, tumultuous moments of their reigns and examines the brilliant methods and maneuvers they each used to defend themselves and their people from enemy forces. Father-daughter duo Jonathan W. and Emily Anne Jordan extoll the extraordinary power and potential of women in history who walked through war's kiln and emerged from the other side—some burnished to greatness, others burned to cinders. All of them, legends. "Reminds us intelligently, entertainingly and powerfully that strong-willed women have always been the

equal—and very often the superior—of their male counterparts, even in the field historically most jealously reserved for men: warfare." —Andrew Roberts, New York Times–bestselling author "This book should be required reading for anyone who loves history." —James M. Scott, Pulitzer Prize finalist  
**Whatever...Love Is Love** Jan 23  
2020 The acclaimed actress and dedicated activist shares her personal journey of discovery, and destroys outdated ideas about partnership, love and family that will resonate with anyone in an unconventional life situation. Actress

and activist Maria Bello made waves with her essay, "Coming Out as a Modern Family," in the New York Times popular "Modern Love" column, in which she recalled telling her son that she had fallen in love with her best friend, a woman—and her relief at his easy and immediate acceptance with the phrase "Whatever Mom, love is love." She made a compelling argument about the fluidity of partnerships, and how families today come in a myriad of designs. In her first book, Bello broadens her insights as she examines the idea of partnership in every woman's life, and her own. She

examines the myths that so many of us believe about partnership—that the partnership begins when the sex begins, that partnerships are static, that you have to love yourself before you can be loved, and turns them on their heads. Bello explores how many different relationships—romantic, platonic, spiritual, familial, educational—helped define her life. She encourages women to realize that the only labels we have are the ones we put on ourselves, and the best, happiest partnerships are the ones that make your life better, even if they don't fit the mold of "typical."

Throughout this powerful and engaging read, Bello shares intimate stories and lessons on how she has come to discover her happiest self, accept who she is, and live honestly and freely, and tells the stories of those who came to her after her Times' columns, grateful that someone gave voice to their life choices.

Whatever...Love Is Love is not a memoir about an actress. It is a frank, raw, and honest book about the way every woman questions the roles she plays in love, work, and life, filled with wisdom, questions, and insights relevant to us all.

**The Scarlet**

**Contessa** Feb 22 2020 From Jeanne Kalogridis, critically acclaimed author of *The Borgias*, *The Bride*, *Painting Mona Lisa* and *The Devil's Queen*, comes another irresistible historical novel about a countess whose passion and willfulness knew no bounds: Caterina Sforza.

**Tigress Of Forli** Feb 28 2023 If I were to write the story of my life it would shock the world', Caterina Sforza, 1463-1509. As action packed as a *Game of Thrones* novel, the complete life of one of Italy's most fearless women. Between her birth in 1463 as the illegitimate daughter of the Duke of Milan, and her death in 1509

as a member of the powerful Medici family, the life of Caterina Sforza crossed the firmament of Renaissance Italy like a shooting star. She was painted by Botticelli, feted by Pope Sixtus IV, slandered by Macchiavelli and celebrated as a warrior who led her own troops fearlessly into battle. While defending her fortress city-state of Forli, she was prepared to sacrifice her children rather than surrender - yet she was eventually defeated, imprisoned and raped by a Borgia. Caterina Sforza bore 8 children, buried 3 husbands, and wrote a recipe book that has since

been through more than 100 editions. Her youngest child became, like his mother, a brilliant soldier and a national hero. But not even the determined Caterina could have planned that her son's direct descendants would include the kings of France and of England... Or that she herself would be reborn 600 years later as the kick-ass lead character in the multimillion-selling videogame *Assassin's Creed*. **Wolves in Winter** Sep 23 2022 In 15th century Florence, orphaned Mura learn that her magical heritage makes her a precious prize in this vividly researched historical drama of

love, betrayal, and witchcraft Five-year-old Mura is a strange and bewitching child. Daughter of a Nordic mother and Spanish father, she has been tutored in both Arabic and the ancient mythology of the north. But when her widower father is taken by the Inquisition, Mura is sold to a Genoese slaver. In the port of Savona, Mura's androgynous looks and unusual abilities fetch a high price. She is bought as a house slave for the powerful Medici, arriving in Florence as the city prepares for war against the French. When the family are forced to flee, Mura finds herself gifted to the notorious Lioness of

Romagna, Countess Caterina Sforza. Beautiful, ruthless, and intelligent, the Countess is fascinated by Mura's arcane knowledge. As the Lioness educates her further in the arts of alchemy, potions, and poisons, Mura becomes a potent weapon in the Machiavellian intrigues of the Renaissance court." **Cesare Borgia in a Nutshell** May 27 2020 Cesare Borgia in a Nutshell outlines the life of one of history's most controversial figures from his birth through to his murder in 1507 at the age of just 31. This book aims to expose the truth behind the age-old rumours of this ancient family and

to shed light onto a fascinating period of history. Samantha Morris studied archaeology at the University of Winchester where her interest in the history of the Italian Renaissance began. Her interest in the Borgia family has grown and she is always looking for new information on the subject. *Cortigiana* Sep 11 2021 **Machiavelli** Oct 20 2019 'A wonderfully assured and utterly riveting biography that captures not only the much-maligned Machiavelli, but also the spirit of his time and place. A monumental achievement.' - Jessie Childs, author of *God's Traitors*. 'A notorious fiend',

'generally odious',  
'he seems hideous,  
and so he is.'  
Thanks to the  
invidious reputation  
of his most famous  
work, *The Prince*,  
Niccolò Machiavelli  
exerts a unique  
hold over the  
popular  
imagination. But  
was Machiavelli as  
sinister as he is  
often thought to  
be? Might he not  
have been an  
infinitely more  
sympathetic figure,  
prone to political  
missteps,  
professional  
failures and  
personal dramas?  
Alexander Lee  
reveals the man  
behind the myth,  
following him from  
cradle to grave,  
from his father's  
penury and the  
abuse he suffered  
at a teacher's  
hands, to his

marriage and his  
many affairs (with  
both men and  
women), to his  
political triumphs  
and, ultimately, his  
fall from grace and  
exile. In doing so,  
Lee uncovers  
hitherto unobserved  
connections  
between  
Machiavelli's life  
and thought. He  
also reveals the  
world through  
which Machiavelli  
moved: from the  
great halls of  
Renaissance  
Florence to the  
court of the Borgia  
pope, Alexander VI,  
from the dungeons  
of the Stinche  
prison to the  
Rucellai gardens,  
where he would  
begin work on some  
of his last great  
works. As much a  
portrait of an age  
as of a uniquely  
engaging man,

Lee's gripping and  
definitive biography  
takes the reader  
into Machiavelli's  
world - and his  
work - more  
completely than  
ever before.  
[The Deadly  
Sisterhood](#) Dec 14  
2021 The women  
who wielded the  
real power behind  
the throne in  
Renaissance Italy,  
from a bestselling  
historian. This book  
is one of drama on  
a grand scale, a  
Renaissance epic,  
as Christendom  
emerged from the  
shadows of the  
calamitous 14th  
century. The  
sweeping tale  
involves inspired  
and corrupt  
monarchs, the  
finest thinkers, the  
most brilliant  
artists and the  
greatest beauties in  
Christendom. Here



are the stories of its most remarkable women, who are all joined by birth, marriage and friendship and who ruled for a time in place of their menfolk: Lucrezia Turnabuoni (Queen Mother of Florence, the power behind the Medici throne), Clarice Orsini (Roman princess, feudal wife), Beatrice d'Este (Golden Girl of the Renaissance), Caterina Sforza (Lioness of the Romagna), Isabella d'Este (the Acquisitive Marchesa), Giulia Farnese ('la bella', the family asset), Isabella d'Aragona (the Weeping Duchess) and Lucrezia Borgia (the Virtuous Fury). The men play a secondary role in

this grand saga; whenever possible the action is seen through the eyes of our heroines. These eight women experienced great riches, power and the warm smile of fortune, but they also knew banishment, poverty, the death of a husband or the loss of one or more of their children. As each of the chosen heroines comes to the fore in her turn, she is handed the baton by her 'sister', and Leonie Frieda recounts the role each woman played in the hundred-year drama that is THE DEADLY SISTERHOOD. **Lucrezia Borgia**  
Jun 20 2022  
Lucrezia Borgia - an infamous murderess or

simply the victim of bad press? Lucrezia Borgia's name has echoed through history as a byword for evil - a poisoner who committed incest with her natural father, Pope Alexander VI, and with her brother, Cesare Borgia. Long considered the most ruthless of Italian Renaissance noblewomen, her tarnished reputation has prevailed long since her own lifetime. In this definitive biography, a work of huge scholarship and erudition, Sarah Bradford gives a fascinating account of Lucrezia's life in all its colourful controversy. Daughter, sister, wife and mother, Lucrezia Borgia was surrounded by

wealth, privilege and intrigue. But what was the truth behind her extraordinary existence - was she a monster of cruelty and deceit, or simply the pawn of her power-hungry father and brother? *Isabella de' Medici* May 19 2022 Isabella de' Medici was the hostess of a glittering circle in Renaissance Florence. Beautiful and liberated, she not only matched the intellectual accomplishments of her male contemporaries, but sought sexual parity also, engaging in an adulterous affair with her husband's cousin. It was this affair - and her very success as First Lady of Florence - that led to her death at the hands

of her husband at the age of just thirty-four. She left behind a remarkable story, and as her legacy a son who became the best of the Orsini Dukes, immortalised by Shakespeare as Duke Orsino in *Twelfth Night*. Caroline P. Murphy illuminates this often misunderstood figure, and in the process brings to life the home of creativity, the city of Florence itself. **My Sisters the Saints** Feb 16 2022 A poignant and powerful spiritual memoir about how the lives of the saints changed the life of a modern woman. In *My Sisters the Saints*, author Colleen Carroll Campbell

blends her personal narrative of spiritual seeking, trials, stumbles, and breakthroughs with the stories of six women saints who profoundly changed her life: Teresa of Avila, Therese of Lisieux, Faustina of Poland, Edith Stein of Germany, Mother Teresa of Calcutta, and Mary of Nazareth. Drawing upon the rich writings and examples of these extraordinary women, the author reveals Christianity's liberating power for women and the relevance of the saints to the lives of contemporary Christians. **Send Yourself Roses** Mar 25 2020 From her film debut as the sultry

schemer in *Body Heat* to her award-winning role as Martha in *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?*, actress Kathleen Turner's unique blend of beauty, intelligence, and raw sexuality has driven her personal and professional life. Now, in this gutsy memoir, the screen icon tells us of the risks she's taken and the lessons she's learned-sometimes the hard way. For the first time, Turner shares her childhood challenges-a life lived in countries around the world until her father, a State Department official whom she so admired, died suddenly when she was a teenager. She talks about her

twenty year marriage, and why she and her husband recently separated, her close relationship with her daughter, her commitment to service, and how activism in controversial causes has bolstered her beliefs. And Turner reveals the pain and heartbreak of her struggle with rheumatoid arthritis, and how, in spite of it, she made a daring decision: to take a break from the movies and relaunch her stage career. Along the way, Turner describes what it's like to work with legends like Jack Nicholson, Michael Douglas, William Hurt, Steve Martin, Francis Ford

Coppola, John Huston, John Waters, Edward Albee . . . and, with characteristic irreverent humor, shares her behind-the-screen stories of dealing with all types of creative, intimidating, and inspiring characters. Kathleen Turner has always known that she would play the lead in the story of her life. It's impossible not to take her lessons on living, love, and leading roles to heart. And it won't be long until you'll be sending yourself roses!  
William Heath Robinson Aug 10 2021  
*The Tigress of Forlì*  
Jan 27 2023 An examination of the Renaissance countess explores

her marriage at the age of ten into a corrupt pope's influential family, her fierce rule after the assassination of her husband, and the inspiring resistance she led against the Borgia family.

### **Blood & Beauty**

Dec 02 2020 By the end of the fifteenth century, the beauty and creativity of Italy is matched only by its brutality and corruption. When Cardinal Rodrigo Borgia buys his way into the papacy, he is defined not just by his wealth, charisma and power, but by his blood: a Spanish Pope in a city run by Italians. If he is to succeed, he must use his Machiavellian son and innocent

daughter. Stripping away the myths around the Borgias, *Blood & Beauty* breathes life into the astonishing family of Alexander VI and celebrates the raw power of history itself: compelling, complex, and relentless.

**Agincourt** Nov 20 2019 From a master historian comes an astonishing chronicle of life in medieval Europe and the battle that altered the course of an empire. Although almost six centuries old, the Battle of Agincourt still captivates the imaginations of men and women on both sides of the Atlantic. It has been immortalized in high culture (Shakespeare's

Henry V) and low (the New York Post prints Henry's battle cry on its editorial page each Memorial Day). It is the classic underdog story in the history of warfare, and generations have wondered how the English -- outnumbered by the French six to one -- could have succeeded so bravely and brilliantly. Drawing upon a wide range of sources, eminent scholar Juliet Barker casts aside the legend and shows us that the truth behind Agincourt is just as exciting, just as fascinating, and far more significant. She paints a gripping narrative of the October 1415 clash between

outnumbered English archers and heavily armored French knights. But she also takes us beyond the battlefield into palaces and common cottages to bring into vivid focus an entire medieval world in flux. Populated with chivalrous heroes, dastardly spies, and a ferocious and bold king, Agincourt is as earthshaking as its subject -- and confirms Juliet Barker's status as both a historian and a storyteller of the first rank.

**A New Model** Oct 12 2021  
"Evocative." — The Cut One of the most outspoken voices gracing the cover of magazines today encourages women to be their most

confident selves, recognize their personal beauty, and reach for their highest dreams in this wise, warm, and inspiring memoir. Voluptuous beauty Ashley Graham has been modeling professionally since the age of thirteen. Discovered at a shopping mall in Nebraska, her stunning face and sexy curves have graced the covers of top magazines, including Cosmopolitan and British Vogue, and she was the first size 14 model to appear on the front of the wildly popular Sports Illustrated swimsuit issue. The face of brands such as H&M Studio, she is also a judge for the latest season of

America's Next Top Model. And that's only the beginning for this extraordinary talent. Ashley is leading a new generation of women breaking ground and demolishing stereotypes, transforming our ideals about body image and what is fashionable and beautiful. A woman who proves that when it comes to beauty, size is just a number, she is the voice for the body positivity movement today and a role model for all women—no matter their individual body type, shape, or weight. In this collection of insightful, provocative essays illustrated with a dozen photos,

Ashley shares her perspective on how ideas around body image are evolving—and how we still have work to do; the fun—and stress—of a career in the fashion world; her life before modeling; and her path to accepting her size without limiting her dreams—defying rigid industry standards and naysayers who told her it couldn't be done. As she talks about her successes and setbacks, Ashley offers support for every woman coming to terms with who she is, bolster her self-confidence, and motivates her to be her strongest, healthiest, and most beautiful self. *Murder of a Medici Princess* Apr 18

2022 In *Murder of a Medici Princess*, Caroline Murphy illuminates the brilliant life and tragic death of Isabella de Medici, one of the brightest stars in the dazzling world of Renaissance Italy, the daughter of Duke Cosimo I, ruler of Florence and Tuscany. Murphy is a superb storyteller, and her fast-paced narrative captures the intrigue, the scandal, the romantic affairs, and the violence that were commonplace in the Florentine court. She brings to life an extraordinary woman, fluent in five languages, a free-spirited patron of the arts, a daredevil, a practical joker, and

a passionate lover. Isabella, in fact, conducted numerous affairs, including a ten-year relationship with the cousin of her violent and possessive husband. Her permissive lifestyle, however, came to an end upon the death of her father, who was succeeded by her disapproving older brother Francesco. Considering Isabella's ways to be licentious and a disgrace upon the family, he permitted her increasingly enraged husband to murder her in a remote Medici villa. To tell this dramatic story, Murphy draws on a vast trove of newly discovered and unpublished

documents, ranging from Isabella's own letters, to the loose-tongued dispatches of ambassadors to Florence, to contemporary descriptions of the opulent parties and balls, salons and hunts in which Isabella and her associates participated. Murphy resurrects the exciting atmosphere of Renaissance Florence, weaving Isabella's beloved city into her story, evoking the intellectual and artistic community that thrived during her time. Palaces and gardens in the city become places of creativity and intrigue, sites of seduction, and grounds for betrayal. Here then is a narrative of

compelling and epic proportions, magnificent and alluring, decadent and ultimately tragic.

April Blood Aug 22 2022 One of the world's leading historians of Renaissance Italy brings to life here the vibrant--and violent--society of fifteenth-century Florence. His disturbing narrative opens up an entire culture, revealing the dark side of Renaissance man and politician Lorenzo de' Medici. On a Sunday in April 1478, assassins attacked Lorenzo and his brother as they attended Mass in the cathedral of Florence. Lorenzo scrambled to safety as Giuliano bled to death on the

cathedral floor. April Blood moves outward in time and space from that murderous event, unfolding a story of tangled passions, ambition, treachery, and revenge. The conspiracy was led by one of the city's most noble clans, the Pazzi, financiers who feared and resented the Medici's swaggering new role as political bosses--but the web of intrigue spread through all of Italy. Bankers, mercenaries, the Duke of Urbino, the King of Naples, and Pope Sixtus IV entered secretly into the plot. Florence was plunged into a peninsular war, and Lorenzo was soon fighting for his own

and his family's survival. The failed assassination doomed the Pazzi. Medici revenge was swift and brutal--plotters were hanged or beheaded, innocents were hacked to pieces, and bodies were put out to dangle from the windows of the government palace. All remaining members of the larger Pazzi clan were forced to change their surname, and every public sign or symbol of the family was expunged or destroyed. April Blood offers us a fresh portrait of Renaissance Florence, where dazzling artistic achievements went side by side with violence, craft, and bare-knuckle

politics. At the center of the canvas is the figure of Lorenzo the Magnificent--poet, statesman, connoisseur, patron of the arts, and ruthless "boss of bosses." This extraordinarily vivid account of a turning point in the Italian Renaissance is bound to become a lasting work of history.

*Medieval Knights 1100-1476* Jul 29 2020 This book devoted to the medieval uniforms uses the presence of 17 marvelous tables realized by the Italian artist Giovanni Garuti. All realize in 1999 as single Print-tables for the Italian publishing EMI of Ivo Fossati, they are for the first time harvests in

volume and you introduce to the public in a new way and form. Every table are equipped by a rich text that well describes the history of the character and illustrates his uniform. There are also present a lot of tables with adding heraldic shields of the various factions and noble families. The thematic of the subjects includes noble Italian families, Crusade order as the Hospitallers and the Teutonic. Noble French, German and English families. all in one historical period that has gone since 1100 to the late XV century.

**The Borgias** Nov 01 2020 The startling truth behind one of the



most notorious dynasties in history is revealed in a remarkable new account by the acclaimed author of *The Tudors* and *A World Undone*. Sweeping aside the gossip, slander, and distortion that have shrouded the Borgias for centuries, G. J. Meyer offers an unprecedented portrait of the infamous Renaissance family and their storied milieu. They burst out of obscurity in Spain not only to capture the great prize of the papacy, but to do so twice. Throughout a tumultuous half-century—as popes, statesmen, warriors, lovers, and breathtakingly ambitious political adventurers—they

held center stage in the glorious and blood-drenched pageant known to us as the Italian Renaissance, standing at the epicenter of the power games in which Europe's kings and Italy's warlords gambled for life-and-death stakes. Five centuries after their fall—a fall even more sudden than their rise to the heights of power—they remain immutable symbols of the depths to which humanity can descend: Rodrigo Borgia, who bought the papal crown and prostituted the Roman Church; Cesare Borgia, who became first a teenage cardinal and then the most treacherous cutthroat of a

violent time; Lucrezia Borgia, who was as shockingly immoral as she was beautiful. These have long been stock figures in the dark chronicle of European villainy, their name synonymous with unspeakable evil. But did these Borgias of legend actually exist? Grounding his narrative in exhaustive research and drawing from rarely examined key sources, Meyer brings fascinating new insight to the real people within the age-encrusted myth. Equally illuminating is the light he shines on the brilliant circles in which the Borgias moved and the thrilling era they helped to

shape, a time of wars and political convulsions that reverberate to the present day, when Western civilization simultaneously wallowed in appalling brutality and soared to extraordinary heights. Stunning in scope, rich in telling detail, G. J. Meyer's *The Borgias* is an indelible work sure to become the new standard on a family and a world that continue to enthrall. Praise for *The Borgias* "A vivid and at times startling reappraisal of one of the most notorious dynasties in history . . . If you thought you knew the Borgias, this book will surprise you."—Tracy Borman, author of

*Queen of the Conqueror and Elizabeth's Women* "The mention of the Borgia family often conjures up images of a ruthless drive for power via assassination, serpentine plots, and sexual debauchery. . . . [G. J. Meyer] convincingly looks past the mythology to present a more nuanced portrait."—Booklist "Meyer brings his considerable skills to another infamous Renaissance family, the Borgias [and] a fresh look into the machinations of power in Renaissance Italy. . . [He] makes a convincing case that the Borgias have been given a raw deal."—Historical Novels Review

"Fascinating . . . a gripping history of a tempestuous time and an infamous family."—Shelf Awareness  
*The Private Lives Of The Impressionists* Apr 06 2021 Manet, Monet, Pissarro, Cézanne, Renoir, Degas, Sisley, Berthe Morisot and Mary Cassatt. Though they were often ridiculed or ignored by their contemporaries, astonishing sums are paid today for the works of these artists. Their dazzling pictures are familiar - but how well does the world know the Impressionists as people? In a vivid and moving narrative, biographer Sue Roe shows the Impressionists in

the studios of Paris, rural lanes of Montmartre and rowdy riverside bars as Paris underwent Baron Haussman's spectacular transformation. For over twenty years they lived and worked together as a group, struggling to rebuild their lives after the Franco-Prussian war and supporting one another through shocked public reactions to canvasses depicting laundresses, dancers, spring blossom and boating scenes. This intimate, colourful, superbly researched account takes us into their homes as well as their studios and describes their unconventional,

volatile and precarious lives, as well as the stories behind their paintings. *The Bed and the Throne* Sep 30 2020 "Brilliant, vain, generous, calculating, Isabella D'Este played the Renaissance game with an expertise that outflanked Popes and Emperors, using her brains, her charm, and her unswerving purpose to psych her opponents. An accomplished flirt, an astute statesman, she kept Mantua, the state ostensibly ruled by her husband, intact and safe from a series of powerful predators: Cesare Borgia, the Republic of Venice, a succession of Popes, the King of

Naples, two Kings of France. Toward the end of her life, she turned over to her son one of the few independent principalities of sixteenth-century Italy"--from front jacket flap. *Roman Pilgrimage* Feb 04 2021 The annual Lenten pilgrimage to dozens of Rome's most striking churches is a sacred tradition dating back almost two millennia, to the earliest days of Christianity. Along this historic spiritual pathway, today's pilgrims confront the mysteries of the Christian faith through a program of biblical and early Christian readings amplified by some of the greatest art and architecture of

western civilization.  
In Roman  
Pilgrimage,  
bestselling  
theologian and  
papal biographer  
George Weigel, art  
historian Elizabeth  
Lev, and  
photographer  
Stephen Weigel  
lead readers  
through this unique  
religious and  
aesthetic journey  
with magnificent  
photographs and  
revealing  
commentaries on  
the pilgrimage's  
liturgies, art, and  
architecture.  
Through reflections  
on each day's  
readings about faith  
and doubt, heroism  
and weakness, self-  
examination and  
conversion, sin and  
grace, Rome's  
familiar sites take  
on a new  
resonance. And  
along that same

historical path,  
typically  
unexplored  
treasures—artifacts  
of ancient history  
and hidden artistic  
wonders—appear in  
their original luster,  
revealing new  
dimensions of one  
of the world's most  
intriguing and  
multi-layered cities.  
A compelling guide  
to the Eternal City,  
the Lenten Season,  
and the itinerary of  
conversion that is  
Christian life  
throughout the  
year, Roman  
Pilgrimage reminds  
readers that the  
imitation of Christ  
through faith, hope,  
and love is the  
template of all true  
discipleship, as the  
exquisite beauty of  
the Roman station  
churches invites  
reflection on the  
deepest truths of  
Christianity.

*Daughters of  
Chivalry* Jan 03  
2021 'She imagines  
the experiences of  
the sisters with  
empathy and  
patience ... and ably  
manages to coax  
the few sparks of  
evidence into  
flames of  
personality ...  
Whoop, whoop! If  
anyone can find me  
another clutch of  
rebel princesses,  
let's get crowd-  
funding.' Hermione  
Eyre, Spectator  
Virginal, chaste,  
humble, patiently  
waiting for rescue  
by brave knights  
and handsome  
princes: this  
idealized - and  
largely mythical -  
notion of the  
medieval  
noblewoman still  
lingers. Yet the  
reality was very  
different, as Kelcey  
Wilson-Lee shows

in this vibrant account of the five daughters of the great English king, Edward I. The lives of these sisters - Eleanora, Joanna, Margaret, Mary and Elizabeth - ran the full gamut of experiences open to royal women in the Middle Ages. Living as they did in a courtly culture founded on romantic longing and brilliant pageantry, they knew that a princess was to be chaste yet a mother to many children, preferably sons, meek yet able to influence a recalcitrant husband or even command a host of men-at-arms. Edward's daughters were of course expected to cement alliances and

secure lands and territory by making great dynastic marriages, or endow religious houses with royal favour. But they also skilfully managed enormous households, navigated choppy diplomatic waters and promoted their family's cause throughout Europe - and had the courage to defy their royal father. They might never wear the crown in their own right, but they were utterly confident of their crucial role in the spectacle of medieval kingship. Drawing on a wide range of contemporary sources, *Daughters of Chivalry* offers a rich portrait of these spirited Plantagenet

women. With their libraries of beautifully illustrated psalters and tales of romance, their rich silks and gleaming jewels, we follow these formidable women throughout their lives and see them - at long last - shine from out of the shadows, revealing what it was to be a princess in the Age of Chivalry. [The Borgias](#) Jul 21 2022 'A wickedly entertaining read' The Times A Daily Mail Book of the Week The sensational story of the rise and fall of one of the most notorious families in history, by the author of *The Medici*. The Borgias have become a byword for evil. Corruption, incest,

ruthless megalomania, avarice and vicious cruelty - all have been associated with their name. But the story of this remarkable family is far more than a tale of sensational depravities, it also marks a decisive turning point in European history. The rise and fall of the Borgias held centre stage during the golden age of the Italian Renaissance and they were the leading players at the very moment when our modern world was creating itself. Within this context the Renaissance itself takes on a very different aspect. Was the corruption part of this creation, or vice versa? Would one

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**Lucrezia Borgia**

Oct 24 2022

Lucrezia Borgia is  
among the most  
fascinating and  
controversial  
personalities of the  
Renaissance. The  
daughter of Pope  
Alexander VI, she  
was intensely  
involved in the  
political life of Italy  
during the late  
fifteenth and early  
sixteenth centuries.  
While her marriage  
alliances helped

advance the  
political objectives  
of the papacy, she  
also held the office  
of Governor of  
Spoleto, a role  
normally reserved  
for Cardinals,  
making her one of  
the most powerful  
and dynamic female  
figures of the  
Renaissance.  
Among the first  
books to employ  
historical method to  
move beyond myth  
and romance that  
had obscured the  
fascinating story of  
Lucrezia Borgia  
was the biography  
written by the  
noted German  
historian Ferdinand  
Gregorovius.  
Ferdinand  
Gregorovius  
(1821-1891) was  
one of the  
preeminent  
scholars of the  
Italian Renaissance.  
His biography of

Lucrezia Borgia reveals the atmosphere of the Renaissance, painting a portrait of Lucrezia and her relationships with her father Rodrigo Borgia, Pope Alexander VI, her brother Cesare, her mother Vanozza, her father's mistress, Giulia Farnese, her husband Duke Alfonso D'Este of Ferrara, and many others, including important artists and writers of the time. All are vividly portrayed against the colorful background of Renaissance Italy. Gregorovius separates myth from documented fact and his book remains a key reference work on the life and times of the Borgia princess.

This new edition of Gregorovius's classic work *Lucrezia Borgia* is enhanced with an introduction by Samantha Morris, a noted expert on the history of the Borgias. Samantha studied archaeology at the University of Winchester where her interest in the history of the Italian Renaissance began. She is the author of *Cesare Borgia: In a Nutshell* and *Girolamo Savonarola: The Renaissance Preacher*. She also runs the website [theborgiabull.com](http://theborgiabull.com). [Cesare and Lucrezia Borgia](#)  
Dec 26 2022 The first ever biography that tells the true story of what really went on in the lives of Cesare and

Lucrezia Borgia. Myths and rumor have shrouded the Borgia family for centuries - tales of incest, intrigue and murder have been told of them since they themselves walked the hallways of the Apostolic Palace. In particular, vicious rumor and slanderous tales have stuck to the names of two members of the infamous Borgia family - Cesare and Lucrezia, brother and sister of history's most notorious family. But how much of it is true, and how much of it is simply rumor aimed to blacken the name of the Borgia family? In the first ever biography solely on the Borgia siblings, Samantha Morris



tells the true story of these two fascinating individuals from their early lives, through their years living amongst the halls of the Vatican in Rome until their ultimate untimely deaths. Cesare and Lucrezia Borgia begins in the bustling metropolis of Rome with the siblings ultimately being used in the dynastic plans of their father, a man who would become Pope, and takes the reader through the separate, yet fascinatingly intertwined, lives of the notorious siblings. One tale, that of Cesare, ends on the battlefield of Navarre, whilst the other ends in the ducal court of Ferrara. Both Cesare and

Lucrezia led lives full of intrigue and danger, lives which would attract the worst sort of rumor begun by their enemies. Drawing on both primary and secondary sources Morris brings the true story of the Borgia siblings, so often made out to be evil incarnate in other forms of media, to audiences both new to the history of the Italian Renaissance and old.

**The Ugly Renaissance** Nov 25 2022 Featuring the beauties of Michelangelo and Leonardo da Vinci, combined with the dark and hidden side of the Renaissance, by an acclaimed historian and expert in the period. Renowned as an age of artistic

rebirth, the Renaissance is cloaked with an aura of beauty and brilliance. But behind the Mona Lisa's smile lurked a seamy, vicious world of power politics, perversity and corruption that has more in common with the present day than anyone dares to admit. Enter a world of corrupt bankers, greedy politicians, sex-crazed priests, rampant disease, and lives of extravagance and excess. Enter the world of the ugly Renaissance. Uncovering the hidden realities beneath the surface of the period's best-known artworks, historian Alexander Lee takes the

reader on a breathtaking and unexpected journey through the Italian past and shows that, far from being the product of high-minded ideals, the sublime monuments of the Renaissance were created by flawed and tormented artists who lived in an ever-expanding world of bigotry and hatred. The only question is: will you ever see the Renaissance in quite the same way again?

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