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Royal Vendetta: The Crown Of Spain 1829-1965



Synopsis

This is a story of wars, revolutions, exiles and restorations; a parade of kings, queens, regents and pretenders. Its central theme is the fight for the throne of Spain between the Bourbon and Carlist pretenders, a fight which started in 1833. Both branches of the family abound in colourful characters: the shrewd Maria Cristina, the masculine Infanta Carlota, the sensuous Isabel II, the effete King Francisco, the suave Duke de Montpensier, the showy Carlos VII, the licentious Alfonso XII. The drama is acted out in many countries in the court living in formal splendour in the Palacio Real in Madrid, Don Juan dying incognito in a house in Brighton, Isabel living out her voluptuous days in Paris, Carlos VII scheming in his palazzo on the Grand Canal, the future Alfonso XII at Sandhurst, the Infanta Eulalia in Chicago, the son of Alfonso XIII dying in a car accident in the U.S.A. When this book was first published in 1966, the spirit of Carlism was still very much alive; the Carlists had thrown their weight behind Franco in the Spanish Civil War, and the recent marriage of the Carlist pretender to Princess Irene of Holland had spotlighted the old feud.

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Customer Reviews

Everything you wanted to know and some about Spain's royal families, yes, there is more than one, the story told in a very entertaining manner. This is not military history, but a very interesting tale of the triumphs (few), foibles and misfortunes of kings, queens and relatives during Spain's saddest period in its history, from the end of the Napoleonic wars to the mid 20th century, when the country finally began to recuperate.

It's very good, I always want to know about Spanish royal family and this book helps. It's an easy reading. with a lot of information.

This book is a very interesting bit of Spanish history. If you enjoy history, this is the book for you.

Very good book

I enjoyed learning about the royal families of Spain. An exciting, interesting read for history buffs everywhere.

Really fun reading. Good historical facts presented in an entertaining manner. The author is great with a quip.

Very entertaining and gives a good insight into the overall political and constitutional trends that swept 19th century Spain. The only drawback is that due to when this book was written, it stops with the early days of Juan Carlos.

This is an informative book that makes for an easy read. I recommend it to those with an interest in royalty.

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