

## Isabella of Castile: The First Renaissance Queen



Originally published in 1991 as a Book of the Month Club Featured dividend and awarded the Best Nonfiction Book by the American Society of Journalists and Authors, this authoritatively researched portrait of Queen Isabella brings to life one of the most fascinating figures in European history -- a woman who was passionate lover to Ferdinand of Aragon, conquered the Moors (Muslims) of Spain, funded Columbus on his famous journey, brought the Renaissance to Spain and was hated for introducing the Spanish Inquisition. Like many modern career women, Isabella was torn between her workaday obligations, her marriage and child-rearing. Which was she -- a visionary, a saint or a she-devil? Read *Isabella of Castile* and decide for yourself. A fascinating portrait of Spain's most powerful queen who united Castile and Aragon, brought Renaissance artists and musicians to Spain, sponsored Columbus on his famous journey to the New World, conquered the Moors, expelled the Jews, and initiated the Spanish Inquisition. Who then, was the real Isabella? Was she, as some people still believe, an unrecognized saint who deserved beatification because of her charitable acts to her subjects, her special concern for widows and orphans, and insistence upon cleansing the Church of corruption? Or was she a heartless bigot -- a religious fanatic who forced conversions of Spanish Moors and Jews to Christianity on pain of death through the instruments of the Spanish Inquisition? Was she, as history suggests, a brilliant woman -- the only European monarch who understood the implications of a successful transatlantic crossing -- and consequently sponsored Christopher Columbus's famous journey across the Ocean Seas to the New World. Who then, was the flesh-and-blood Isabella? As her dramatic biography reveals, the Queen was a very human blend of these three historical images. *Isabella of*

Castile describes the complex social and psychological forces that drove the queen to become one of history's most famous and quixotic monarchs, a monumental figure who is alternately revered and despised to this very day. About the Author: Nancy Rubin Stuart is an award-winning author and journalist who specializes in women, biography and social history. Nancy graduated from Tufts University with a B.A. in English and an M.A.T. from Brown University. In 1995, Mount Vernon College, now part of Georgetown University, awarded her an honorary Doctorate in Humane Letters.

Isabella I (Spanish: Isabel, 22 April 1451 – 26 November 1504) reigned as Queen of Castile. Books[edit]. Isabella of Castile: Europe's First Great Queen, by Giles Tremlett, won the Elizabeth Longford Prize for Historical Biography in 2018. Nancy Bielskis Reviews > Isabella of Castile: The First Renaissance Queen It was easy to read and was a very detailed account of the Spanish Renaissance. Editorial Reviews. From Publishers Weekly. Isabella (1441-1504) was a master strategist, seizing the crown of Castile and, with husband Ferdinand of Aragon, Isabella of Castile: The First Renaissance Queen eBook: Nancy Rubin Stuart: : Kindle Store. Looks at Queen Isabella's life and marriage in a time of fierce political intrigue, the rise of the nation-state, the discovery of the new world and the demise of the Isabella of Castile: The First Renaissance Queen Nancy Rubin ISBN: 9780312085117 Kostenloser Versand für alle Bücher mit Versand und Verkauf durch: Isabella of Castile: The First Renaissance Queen (9780312058784) by Nancy Rubin Stuart and a great selection of similar New, Used and The marriage of Isabella of Castile and Prince Ferdinand of Aragon (1469), more than any other event, caused the creation of the Spanish state About the Author. NANCY RUBIN STUART is an award-winning author, journalist, and producer who specializes in women and social history. She also serves - 8 sec Watch [PDF] Isabella of Castile: The First Renaissance Queen [Download] Online by An artful, sensitive biography A prerequisite for understanding Isabella is understanding the period and Rubin excels at delineating both. --Booklist Buy By Nancy Rubin Stuart Isabella of Castile: The First Renaissance Queen [Paperback] by Nancy Rubin Stuart (ISBN: 8601409979700) from Amazon's Book Isabella (1441-1504) was a master strategist, seizing the crown of Castile and, with husband Ferdinand of Aragon, ruling both her kingdom and his and winning: Isabella of Castile: The First Renaissance Queen (9780312085117) by Nancy Rubin Stuart and a great selection of similar New, Used and The Paperback of the Isabella of Castile : The First Renaissance Queen by Nancy Rubin Stuart, Nancy Rubin Stewart at Barnes & Noble. Nancy Rubin is a best-selling author who specializes in women and social history. Her other books are American Empress, The Mother Mirror and The New Encuentra Isabella of Castile: The First Renaissance Queen de Nancy Rubin Stuart (ISBN: 9780595320769) en Amazon. Envios gratis a partir de 19.