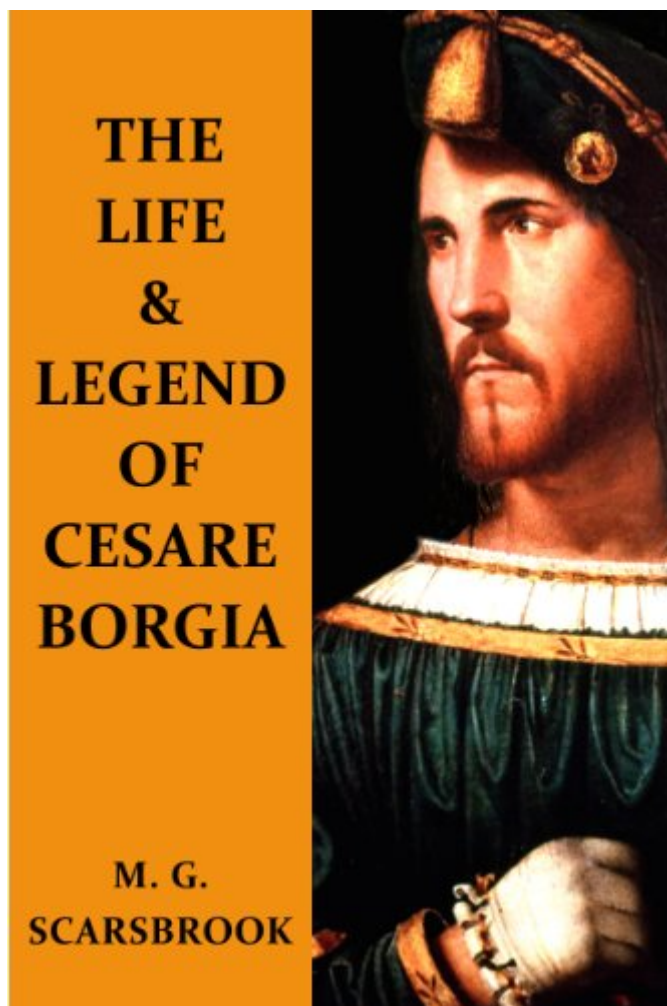


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The Life & Legend Of Cesare Borgia



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This book is informative. However, the writing style is old and has many Latin phrases that are not explained.....With that said, it is a different Historical view of Cesare Borgia and His Father Pope Alexander VI.....Further, When the Cesare Borgia book is finished the book continues with "The Prince" Machiavelli....He was a contemporary of Cesare Borgia. Lots of Historical information. However, a bit slow to read.....After saying this.....I did enjoy learning more about this era of History which is often overlooked.....I would only suggest the book to those determined to ingest this History from 1492 - 1507,

Straightforward historical events in chronological order under several categorical headings. Not for entertainment, just information. Historical novels like Sara Poole's series, Sarah Bower's Sins of the House of Borgia, and M.G. Scarsbrook's works are for entertainment, information, and literary speculation about these fascinating Machiavellians and their relationships.

Although it's important to put history in the perspective of the time it occurred, Scarsbrook goes overboard. He refutes most of the "legendary" Borgia history and defends the rest by saying that "everybody else did it too" (simony, licentiousness, etc.). And while that is probably true, he repeats this over and over. There are several sections in the book besides the piece by Scarsbrook (including The Prince) and one of the other pieces discusses all the stories that we've heard about the Borgias. So I feel left without any information. Also, the Kindle edition has a lot of typos.

Love Love Love this book!! So much juicy stuff.....So much more to know and admire about the man, the family, and his relationships.....

More like a long article on someone's life. I'd have liked to read more about actual accounts of his person from what was written at the time in letters or by clerks at the church. Not a great purchase if you already have a background knowledge of Cesare's life but it's ok to begin with.

The book was informative and concise so lived up to chronology, however, reading it was like swatting for a history exam. It failed as a novel it was dull reading.

Fascinating history. Intriguing , fascinating, and absorbing reading. You do wonder as you read it how they could be in religious positions and not think of God, or after-life repercussions!

A great read about an infamous individual and family. Highly recommended.

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