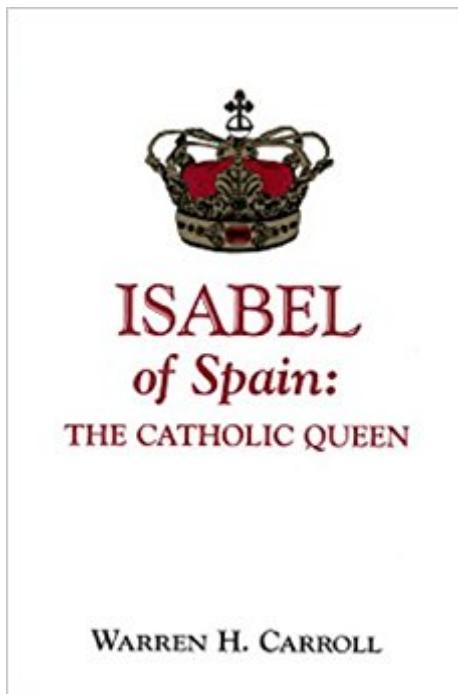


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Synopsis

One of the most powerful and compelling figures of all history, Isabel of Spain was a force with which to be reckoned, and should rightfully eclipse the better-known Elizabeth of England, both as a woman and a national leader. The first full scholarly biography of Queen Isabel in English for nearly seventy-five years, Isabel of Spain is extensively annotated and eminently readable.

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Every book that I have ever read written by Dr. Warren Carroll makes history come alive - much more exciting than any fiction. His books are well-researched using much primary source material of the times. His writing is lively and exciting - spellbinding at times. For a true portrait of Queen Isabel and her times, this is the finest choice.

I'm still not done with the book but I found out so much historical background with also very insightful personal data about this remarkable queen.

A very comprehensive and easy read about Spanish history. The author takes us briefly through the events that lead to Queen Isabel's coronation followed by her amazing feats whilst on the throne.

I enjoyed this book, but feel that I would like to read another by an author with a different viewpoint. Mr. Carroll comes across as rather besotted with Queen Isabella and I don't feel that I got a balanced view. It was very well researched, but the adoration was a bit off-putting.

Author is clearly pro-Isabel and glosses over some of her shortcomings, but it is well-researched and well-written.

An absorbing book that chronicles the life of one of the most important and influential woman of the past 1,000 years. A fearless and emotionally strong young woman, who in an age where women were mere backdrops to powerful men, Isabel fought her way to unite the kingdoms of Castile and Aragon into the political and military powerhouse that became Spain in the late 1400's and early 1500's. While this book is an interesting read for historians and academics, it is an inspiring read for young women who desire and dream to make their mark in today's competitive world.

Well researched. A panegyric to be sure but detractors will find Carroll is honest about her failures and offers strong arguments in defense of her controversial actions, especially regarding the Spanish Inquisition. This should be required reading for adolescent girls as Isabel is a compelling model of strong feminine leadership. Would give 5 stars but for a number of typos.

I want to counter the reviewer of this book who was so angered by it. I found this book to be in agreement with other historians who look at Isabel in the light of her times without modern prejudices and preconceptions. She was an exceptionally great historical figure; this book tells you why. It will help you to understand Isabel's world and how she took a corrupt and chaotic state and ushered it into a golden age. Another great biography of Isabel is William Thomas Walsh's "The Last Crusader, Isabella of Spain" published in 1930. I recommend reading both biographies.

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