

The Tigress Of Forli Renaissance Italys Most Courageous And Notorious Countess Caterina Riario Sforza De Medici Elizabeth Lev

"A genius immortalized her. A French king paid a fortune for her. An emperor coveted her. No face has ever captivated so many for so long. Every year more than nine million visitors trek to her portrait in the Louvre. Yet while everyone recognizes her smile, hardly anyone knows her story. This book rests on the premise that the woman in the Mona Lisa is indeed the person identified in its earliest description: Lisa Gherardini (1479-1542), wife of the Florence merchant Francesco del Giocondo. Dianne Haleshas followed facts wherever she could find them -- from the Florence State Archives, to the squalid street where she was born, to the ruins of the convent where she died. Lisa Gherardini was a quintessential woman of her times, caught in a whirl of political upheavals, family dramas, and public scandals. Descended from ancient nobles, she gave birth to six children and died at age sixty-three. Her life spanned the most tumultuous chapters in the history of Florence, decades of war, rebellion, invasion, siege, and conquest--and of the greatest artistic outpouring the world has ever seen. Her story creates an extraordinary tapestry of Renaissance Florence, inhabited by larger-than-legend figures such as Leonardo, Michelangelo, and Machiavelli. Mona Lisa: A Life Discovered takes readers beyond the frame of Leonardo's masterpiece and introduces them to a fully dimensional human being"--

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Botticelli painted her, Machiavelli slandered her. She led troops into battle, married a Medici, and was imprisoned by the Borgias. Between her birth in 1463 as the illegitimate daughter of the Duke of Milan, to her death in 1509 as a member of the powerful Medici family, Caterina Sforza's life crossed the firmament of Italy's High Renaissance like a shooting star.

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.

Traditional Chinese edition of *The Opposite of Loneliness: Essays and Stories*. This amazing book of essays of Marina Keegan, a Yale student who died in a car crash just five days after she graduated magna cum laude from Yale University, is an instant New York Times bestseller, not because of her untimely death - she was published before, but on her own merit. She was to begin her job at the New Yorker - the unsurpassed recognition of her talent - following her graduation.

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