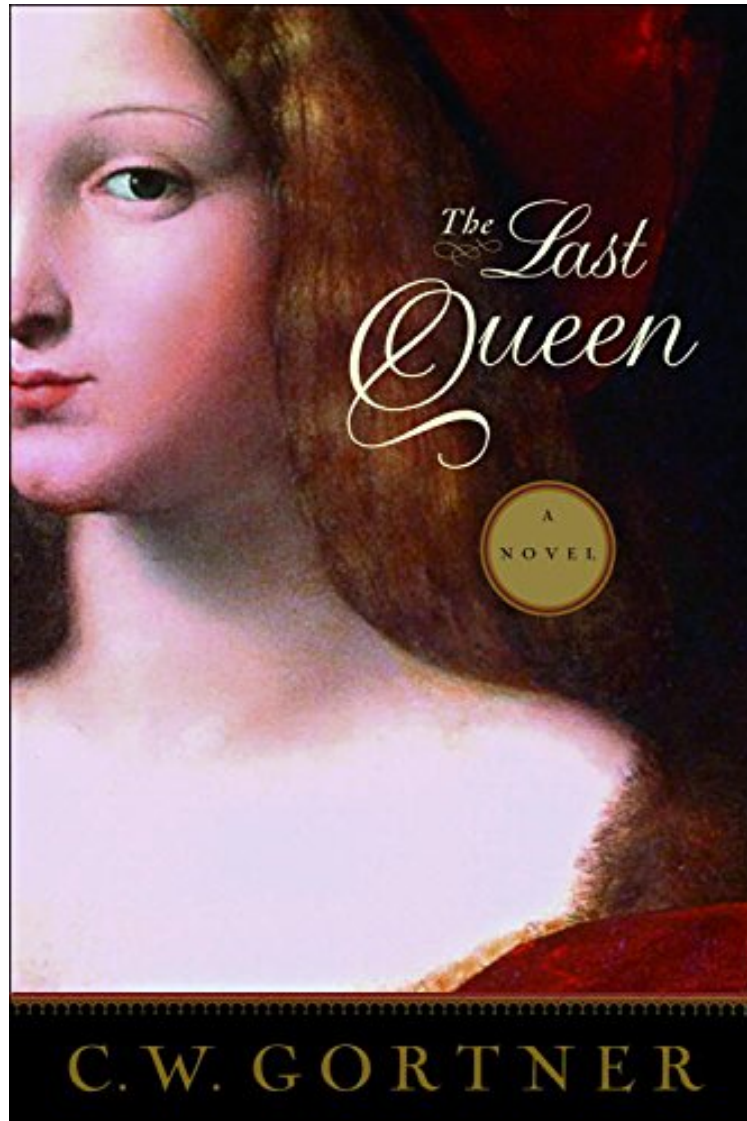


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Wirklich sehr spannendVon Fuchs JoanIch kann mich nur anschliessen, hier findet sich eine spannende, detailliert und liebevoll erzhlte Geschichte der Knigin Juana von Castilien und Aragon, welche dann als verrckt eingesperrt wurde, aus politischen Grnde. Die Mutter von 6 Kindern, mit 16 verheiratet, mit 25 weggesperrt, Schwester von Catherine von Aragon, Henry VIII's erste Ehefrau. Man mag gar nicht denken, wie schlecht die Frauen im 15. und 16. Jahrhundert

behandelt wurden, der Autor zeichnet hier ein deutliches Bild davon. Ich habe ja schon viele historische Romane gelesen, doch dieser hat mich wirklich sehr beeindruckt. Den neuesten Roman des Autors werde ich mir deshalb sicher zu Gemute führen. 1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. tolles Buch Von SWWer historische Romane mag, und eine spannende Geschichte lesen will, dem ist mit diesem Buch bestens geholfen. Konnte es kaum ablegen...

Kurzbeschreibung BONUS: This edition contains an excerpt from C. W. Gortner's *The Queen's Vow*. Juana of Castile, the last queen of Spanish blood to inherit her country's throne, has been for centuries an enigmatic figure shrouded in lurid myth. Was she the bereft widow of legend who was driven mad by her loss, or has history misjudged a woman who was ahead of her time? In his stunning new novel, C. W. Gortner challenges the myths about Queen Juana, unraveling the mystery surrounding her to reveal a brave, determined woman we can only now begin to fully understand. The third child of Queen Isabel and King Ferdinand of Spain, Juana is born amid her parents' ruthless struggle to unify their kingdom, bearing witness to the fall of Granada and Columbus's discoveries. At the age of sixteen, she is sent to wed Philip, the archduke of Flanders, as part of her parents' strategy to strengthen Spain, just as her youngest sister, Catherine of Aragon, is sent to England to become the first wife of Henry VIII. Juana finds unexpected love and passion with her handsome young husband, the sole heir to the Habsburg Empire. At first she is content with her children and her life in Flanders. But when tragedy strikes and she inherits the Spanish throne, Juana finds herself plunged into a battle for power against her husband that grows to involve the major monarchs of Europe. Besieged by foes on all sides, her intelligence and pride used as weapons against her, Juana vows to secure her crown and save Spain from ruin, even if it could cost her everything. With brilliant, lyrical prose, novelist and historian C. W. Gortner conjures Juana through her own words, taking the reader from the somber majesty of Spain to the glittering and lethal courts of Flanders, France, and Tudor England. *The Last Queen* brings to life all the grandeur and drama of an incomparable era, and the singular humanity of this courageous, passionate princess whose fight to claim her birthright captivated the world. From *Publishers Weekly* The 1492 conquest of Granada makes for high adventure and royal intrigue in this second sparkling historical from Gortner (*The Secret Lion*). Spanish Princess Juana, 13, watches as her parents, King Fernando and Queen Isabel, unite Spain, vanquish Moors and marry their children off to foreign kingdoms for favorable alliances: Princess Catalina becomes first wife to Henry VIII; Princess Juana, who narrates, is shipped off to marry Philip of Flanders, heir to the Habsburg Empire. Although Juana balks at leaving Spain for the north and a husband she has never met, their instant chemistry soon turns to love. Years and children later, Juana unexpectedly becomes next in line to the Spanish crown and must carefully navigate every step of the journey from Flanders to Spain, fearful of alienating husband or parents or both. Emotional and political tensions soar as Juana's loyalties are tested to their limits. Disturbing royal secrets and court manipulations wickedly twist this enthralling story, brilliantly told. (July) Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. *Pressestimmen* Compelling... a riveting blend of passion, power and betrayal. (Inside Soap) Disturbing royal secrets and court manipulations wickedly twist this enthralling story, brilliantly told. (*Publishers Weekly*)