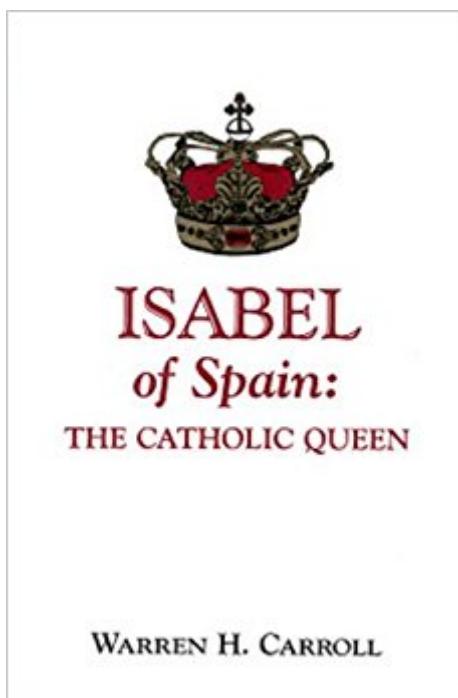


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I want to counter the reviewer of this book who was so angered by it. I found this book to be in agreement with other historians who look at Isabel in the light of her times without modern prejudices and preconceptions. She was an exceptionally great 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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This is the most thoroughly researched biography of Queen Isabel found in English. Written by an American historian, it's surprisingly readable.

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