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ELEANOR OF AQUITAINE'S EXTRAORDINARY LIFE SEEMS MORE LIKELY TO BE FOUND IN THE PAGES OF FICTION. PROUD DAUGHTER OF A DISTINGUISHED FRENCH DYNASTY SHE MARRIED THE KING OF FRANCE LOUIS VII THEN THE KING OF ENGLAND HENRY II AND GAVE BIRTH TO TWO SONS WHO ROSE TO TAKE THE ENGLISH THRONE. RICHARD THE LIONHEART AND JOHN, RENOWNED FOR HER BEAUTY, HUNGRY FOR POWER, HEADSTRONG AND UNCONVENTIONAL. ELEANOR TRAVELED ON CRUSADES, ACTED AS REGENT FOR HENRY II AND LATER FOR RICHARD. INCITED REBELLION, ENDURED A FIFTEEN YEAR IMPRISONMENT AND AS AN ELDERLY WIDOW, STILL WIELDED POLITICAL POWER WITH ENERGY AND ENTHUSIASM. THIS GRIPPING BIOGRAPHY IS THE DEFINITIVE ACCOUNT OF THE MOST IMPORTANT QUEEN OF THE MIDDLE AGES. RALPH TURNER, A LEADING HISTORIAN OF THE TWELFTH CENTURY, STRIPS AWAY THE MYTHS THAT HAVE ACCUMULATED AROUND ELEANOR. THE BLACK LEGEND OF HER SEXUAL APPETITE FOR EXAMPLE, AND CHALLENGES THE ACCOUNTS THAT RELEGATE HER TO THE SHADOWS OF THE KINGS SHE MARRIED AND BORE. TURNER FOCUSES ON A WEALTH OF PRIMARY SOURCES, INCLUDING A COLLECTION OF ELEANOR'S OWN DOCUMENTS, NOT PREVIOUSLY ACCESSIBLE TO SCHOLARS, AND PORTRAYS A WOMAN WHO SOUGHT CONTROL OF HER OWN DESTINY IN THE FACE OF FORCEFUL RESISTANCE. A QUEEN OF UNPARALLELED APPEAL, ELEANOR OF AQUITAINE RETAINS HER POWER TO FASCINATE EVEN 800 YEARS AFTER HER DEATH.

A BIOGRAPHY OF THE TWELFTH CENTURY QUEEN FIRST OF FRANCE THEN OF ENGLAND WHO WAS THE WIFE OF HENRY II AND MOTHER OF SEVERAL NOTABLE SONS

INCLUDING RICHARD THE LIONHEARTED

A YOUNG ADULT BIOGRAPHY OF MEDIEVAL QUEEN ELEANOR OF AQUITAINE

A BIOGRAPHY OF MEDIEVAL EUROPE'S GREATEST QUEEN WHO WAS QUEEN OF BOTH FRANCE AND ENGLAND

FOR MORE THAN SIXTY YEARS QUEEN ELEANOR OF AQUITAINE WAS INVOLVED IN ALL THE IMPORTANT EVENTS IN TWELFTH CENTURY FRANCE AND ENGLAND THIS WONDERFUL BOOK TELLS HER TALE IN EXQUISITE DETAIL FROM DESCRIBING THE FASHIONABLE FURS AND LUXURIOUS CLOTHING SHE CARRIED WITH HER TO VIVID DESCRIPTIONS OF THE COURT OF MEDIEVAL FRANCE IT RECOUNTS THE HARROWING BATTLES IN THE HOLY LAND AS WELL AS THE TRUE TO LIFE DISCUSSIONS OF ELEANOR'S MANY LOVE INTERESTS FILLED WITH HARD TO FIND IMAGES INCLUDING A PHOTO OF THE ONLY REMAINING SCULPTURE OF THE FAMOUS QUEEN THIS IS A FASCINATING AND VISUALLY STUNNING BOOK

THIS FASCINATING NEW BIOGRAPHY TELLS THE STORY OF ONE OF THE MOST INFLUENTIAL FIGURES OF THE TWELFTH CENTURY ELEANOR OF AQUITAINE SUCCESSIVELY QUEEN OF FRANCE AND OF ENGLAND IN TRACING HER LIFE STORY PROFESSOR OWEN REASSESSES HER POLITICAL IMPORTANCE DURING THE REIGNS OF HER HUSBAND HENRY II AND HER SONS RICHARD THE LIONHEART AND JOHN AND AIMS TO SEPARATE THE TRUE HISTORICAL ELEANOR FROM THE ELEANOR OF LEGEND

ELEANOR OF AQUITAINE 1124-1204 QUEEN OF FRANCE AND ENGLAND AND MOTHER OF TWO KINGS HAS OFTEN BEEN DESCRIBED AS ONE OF THE MOST REMARKABLE WOMEN OF THE MIDDLE AGES YET HER REAL ACHIEVEMENTS HAVE BEEN EMBELLISHED AND EVEN OBSCURED BY MYTHS THAT HAVE GROWN UP OVER EIGHT CENTURIES THIS PROCESS BEGAN IN HER OWN LIFETIME AS CHRONICLERS REPORTED RUMOURS OF HER SCANDALOUS CONDUCT ON CRUSADE AND HAS CONTINUED EVER SINCE SHE HAS BEEN VARIOUSLY VIEWED AS AN ADULTEROUS QUEEN A MONSTROUS MOTHER AND A JEALOUS MURDERESS BUT ALSO AS A PATRON OF LITERATURE CHAMPION OF COURTLY LOVE AND PROTO FEMINIST DEFENDER OF WOMEN'S RIGHTS INVENTING ELEANOR INTERROGATES THE MYTHS THAT HAVE GROWN UP AROUND THE FIGURE OF ELEANOR OF AQUITAINE AND INVESTIGATES HOW AND WHY HISTORIANS AND ARTISTS HAVE INVENTED AN ELEANOR WHO IS VERY DIFFERENT FROM THE 12TH CENTURY QUEEN THE BOOK FIRST CONSIDERS THE MEDIEVAL PRIMARY SOURCES AND THEN PROCEEDS TO TRACE THE POST MEDIEVAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE IMAGE OF ELEANOR FROM DEMONIC QUEEN TO FEMINIST ICON IN HISTORIOGRAPHY AND THE BROADER CULTURE

ELEANOR OF CASTILE THUS BECOMES A STUDY IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE IMAGERY OF ONE WOMAN'S POWER AND HER SOCIETY'S PERCEPTION OF THAT IMAGERY PARSONS ALSO CONSIDERS THE EVOLUTION OF THE QUEEN'S POSTHUMOUS LEGEND AS HER REPUTATION WAS FASHIONED AND REFASHIONED IN RESPONSE TO CHANGING OPINIONS ON WOMEN AND POWER

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CONSANGUINITY AFTER HER DIVORCE SHE ELUDED RIVAL PRETENDERS TO MARRY HENRY II THEN COUNT OF ANJOU AND DUKE OF NORMANDY HAVING CAMPAIGNED IN ENGLAND TO ASSERT HIS CLAIM TO THE THRONE HENRY REALIZED HIS AMBITION FOLLOWING THE DEATH OF KING STEPHEN IN 1154 ELEANOR THEREBY BECAME THE QUEEN OF POTENTIALLY THE MOST POWERFUL LEADER IN EUROPE WHOSE EMPIRE STRETCHED FROM THE SCOTTISH BORDERS TO THE PYRENEES ELEANOR BORE HENRY EIGHT CHILDREN TWO OF THEM FUTURE KINGS OF ENGLAND RICHARD COEUR DE LION THE LIONHEART AND JOHN HER BEHAVIOUR AND POLITICAL MOTIVES HAVE ALWAYS BEEN OPEN TO QUESTION NOT LEAST HER SIDING WITH HER CHILDREN AGAINST HENRY BELIEVED BY SOME TO HAVE BEEN THE PRIME MOVER IN THE AFFAIR SHE SUPPORTED REBELLION AGAINST THEIR FATHER AS A RESULT ALTHOUGH THE REVOLT COLLAPSED ELEANOR WAS KEPT IN CLOSE CUSTODY IN ENGLAND FOR MUCH OF THE NEXT SIXTEEN YEARS THEN AFTER HENRY S DEATH SHE LENT HER UNFLAGGING SUPPORT TO HIS SUCCESSORS RICHARD AND LATER JOHN PROFESSOR OWEN S PORTRAIT AIMS TO SEPARATE THE TRUE HISTORICAL ELEANOR FROM THE ELEANOR OF LEGEND IN TRACING HER LIFE STORY HE EXAMINES HER PART IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS DURING THE REIGNS OF LOUIS HENRY RICHARD AND JOHN AND HER ROLE AS A LITERARY AND CULTURAL PATRON AT THE TIME OF THE GREAT INTELLECTUAL REVIVAL KNOWN AS THE TWELFTH CENTURY RENAISSANCE EVEN IN HER OWN DAY ELEANOR CAUGHT THE IMAGINATION OF CHRONICLERS AND OTHER WRITERS AND THE FINAL PARTS OF PROFESSOR OWEN S BIOGRAPHY FOLLOW THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE LEGEND THAT BUILT UP AROUND HER LIFE BEFORE CONSIDERING HER POSSIBLE USE AS A ROLE MODEL IN THE EPIC AND ROMANCE OF THE TWELFTH AND THIRTEENTH CENTURIES

ACCUSED OF BEING A DEMON BY THOSE WHO COULD NOT TOLERATE HER INDEPENDENCE ELEANOR OF AQUITAINE MADE HER MARK AS ONE OF THE MOST DYNAMIC AND EXTRAORDINARY FIGURES OF THE MIDDLE AGES BORN IN 1122 ELEANOR REFUSED TO BE CONFINED BY THE TRADITIONAL GENDER ROLES OF HER TIME SHE BECAME WELL EDUCATED GAINING POLITICAL AND GOVERNING KNOW HOW FROM HER FATHER WILLIAM X DUKE OF AQUITAINE AND ARMED HERSELF WITH THE SKILLS NECESSARY TO BECOME AN INFLUENTIAL QUEEN FIRST OF FRANCE AND LATER ENGLAND WITH AN IMPACT THAT REACHED BEYOND POLITICS ELEANOR SHAPED THE FUTURE OF THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES AND IN A TIME WHEN WOMEN WERE VIEWED AS INFERIOR TO MEN THE VIRTUES OF CHIVALRY AND COURTLY LOVE WERE BORN ONCE DESCRIBED BY A CONTEMPORARY AS A WOMAN BEYOND COMPARE ELEANOR OF AQUITAINE IS A FIGURE WHO WILL REMAIN CONTROVERSIAL POWERFUL AND ENCHANTING IN THE TWENTY FIRST CENTURY

IN THIS NEW BIOGRAPHY OF ELEANOR OF AQUITAINE BOYD TAKES THE READER TO THE HEART OF THIS EXTRAORDINARY WOMAN HE REVEALS HER AS A PECULIARLY MODERN CHARACTER SHE REFUSED TO BE A CONSENTING VICTIM OF ETHNIC CLEANSING AND SHE PROMOTES HER VISION OF A CONTINENT WIDE DYNASTY

THE AUTHOR OF THE QUEEN S PAWN DELVES INTO THE EARLY LIFE OF THE LEGENDARY ELEANOR OF AQUITAINE IN HER NEW HISTORICAL NOVEL AFTER HER FATHER S SUDDEN DEATH FIFTEEN YEAR OLD ELEANOR IS QUICKLY CROWNED DUCHESS OF AQUITAINE AND BETROTHED TO KING LOUIS VII WHEN HER NEW HUSBAND CANNOT PRONOUNCE HER GIVEN NAME ALIENOR BECOMES ELEANOR QUEEN OF FRANCE ALTHOUGH LOUIS IS ENAMORED OF HIS BRIDE THE NEWLY CROWNED KING IS EASILY MANIPULATED BY THE CHURCH AND A GOD THAT ELEANOR DOESN T BELIEVE IN NOW IF SHE CAN FIND THE STRENGTH TO FIGHT FOR WHAT SHE WANTS ELEANOR MAY FINALLY FIND THE PASSION SHE HAS LONGED FOR AND THE MEANS TO FULFILL HER LEGACY AS QUEEN

IN THIS BEAUTIFULLY WRITTEN BIOGRAPHY ALISON WEIR PAINTS A VIBRANT PORTRAIT OF A TRULY EXCEPTIONAL WOMAN AND PROVIDES NEW INSIGHTS INTO

HER INTIMATE WORLD RENOWNED IN HER TIME FOR BEING THE MOST BEAUTIFUL WOMAN IN EUROPE THE WIFE OF TWO KINGS AND MOTHER OF THREE ELEANOR OF AQUITAINE WAS ONE OF THE GREAT HEROINES OF THE MIDDLE AGES AT A TIME WHEN WOMEN WERE REGARDED AS LITTLE MORE THAN CHATTEL ELEANOR MANAGED TO DEFY CONVENTION AS SHE EXERCISED POWER IN THE POLITICAL SPHERE AND CRUCIAL INFLUENCE OVER HER HUSBANDS AND SONS ELEANOR OF AQUITAINE LIVED A LONG LIFE OF MANY CONTRASTS OF SPLENDOR AND DESOLATION POWER AND PERIL AND IN THIS STUNNING NARRATIVE WEIR CAPTURES THE WOMAN AND THE QUEEN IN ALL HER GLORY WITH ASTONISHING HISTORIC DETAIL MESMERIZING PAGEANTRY AND IRRESISTIBLE ACCOUNTS OF ROYAL SCANDAL AND INTRIGUE SHE RECREATES NOT ONLY A REMARKABLE PERSONALITY BUT A MAGNIFICENT PAST ERA

A FRESH AND PROVOCATIVE BIOGRAPHY OF ELEANOR OF AQUITAINE ONE OF THE MOST CONTROVERSIAL PERSONALITIES OF THE MIDDLE AGES MARRIED IN TURN TO LOUIS VII OF FRANCE AND HENRY II OF ENGLAND SHE WAS MOTHER OF RICHARD THE LIONHEART AND KING JOHN SHE LIVED TO BE 82 AND BECAME VIRTUAL RULER OF ENGLAND

IN ADDITION TO BEING QUEEN CONSORT OF BOTH LOUIS VII OF FRANCE AND HENRY II OF ENGLAND SHE WAS ALSO THE MOTHER OF RICHARD I THE LION HEART AND JOHN OF ENGLAND

IMPECCABLY RESEARCHED AND BEAUTIFULLY WRITTEN THIS BOOK OFFERS A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON ONE OF THE MOST CONTROVERSIAL QUEENS IN HISTORY NOT TO BE MISSED TRACEY BORMAN

MARION MEADE HAS TOLD THE STORY OF ELEANOR WILD DEVIOUS FROM A THOROUGHLY HISTORICAL BUT DIFFERENT POINT OF VIEW A WOMAN S POINT OF VIEW ALLENE TALMEY VOGUE

IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING ELEANOR OF AQUITAINE WAS A FORCE OF NATURE SHE WAS THE WIFE OF KINGS THE MOTHER OF KINGS A DUCHESS IN HER OWN RIGHT AND A TOOL OF NO MAN SHE WAS HEADSTRONG AND INDEPENDENT IN AN AGE WHEN WOMEN WERE ESSENTIALLY TO BE SEEN AND NOT HEARD INSIDE YOU LL READ ABOUT CHILDHOOD IN AQUITAINE CONFLICT PENITENT CRUSADE A NEW KINGDOM REBELLION RANSOM AND RETRIBUTION PALACE POLITICS THE THIRD CRUSADE RANSOM SUNSET AND MUCH MORE ELEANOR S LIFE WAS AS EXTRAORDINARY AS THE TIMES IN WHICH SHE LIVED AND IN MANY WAYS SHE WAS THE MOST MODERN WOMAN IN MEDIEVAL FRANCE THE BOOK TELLS YOU ABOUT BRIGHT EVENTS OF THE LIVES OF HER HUSBANDS AND SONS WHO LEFT A MARK IN THE HISTORY OF EUROPE

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR ELIZABETH CHADWICK BRINGS ELEANOR OF AQUITAINE TO LIFE WITH BREATHTAKING HISTORICAL DETAIL IN THE FIRST VOLUME OF THIS STUNNING NEW TRILOGY ELEANOR OF AQUITAINE THE LEGENDARY 12TH CENTURY QUEEN OF FRANCE AND LATER OF ENGLAND IS ONE OF THE MOST POWERFUL AND IRREPRESSIBLE WOMEN IN MEDIEVAL HISTORY AND HER STORY OF ROMANCE SCANDAL AND POLITICAL INTRIGUE HAS FASCINATED READERS FOR CENTURIES YOUNG ELEANOR OR ALIENOR AS SHE WAS KNOWN HAS EVERYTHING TO LOOK FORWARD TO AS THE HEIRESS TO THE WEALTHY AQUITAINE BUT WHEN HER BELOVED FATHER WILLIAM X SUDDENLY DIES CHILDHOOD IS OVER SENT TO PARIS AND FORCED TO MARRY PRINCE LOUIS VII OF FRANCE SHE BARELY

ADJUSTS BEFORE ANOTHER DEATH CATAPULTS THEM TO KING AND QUEEN AT THE AGE OF JUST 13 ELEANOR MUST LEAVE EVERYTHING BEHIND AND LEARN TO NAVIGATE THE COMPLEX AND VIVACIOUS FRENCH COURT FACED WITH GREAT SCANDALS TRIALS FRAUGHT RELATIONSHIPS AND FORBIDDEN LOVE AT EVERY TURN ELEANOR FINALLY SEES WHAT HER FUTURE COULD HOLD IF SHE COULD JUST SEIZE THE MOMENT THE FIRST IN THIS HIGHLY ANTICIPATED TRILOGY THE SUMMER QUEEN FOLLOWS ELEANOR THROUGH THE SECOND CRUSADE TO THE END OF HER MARRIAGE TO LOUIS VII THE AUTHOR S METICULOUS RESEARCH INCLUDING DELVING INTO THE AKASHIC RECORDS PORTRAYS THE MIDDLE AGES AND ELEANOR WITH DEPTH AND VIVID IMAGERY UNPARALLELED IN HISTORICAL FICTION THAT WILL KEEP READERS RIVETED AND WANTING MORE

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