

The Diplomat of Florence

A Novel of Machiavelli and the Borgias

About the Book

Florence, 1498. The long rule of the Medici is over and a new regime has emerged from the turbulence, a genuine republic of the people. But Florence is weak and threatened by a new warlord who is rampaging across central Italy – Cesare Borgia.

Niccolò Machiavelli is young and inexperienced when he becomes second secretary of the Florentine chancellery, but he is determined to become his city's leading diplomat. As he tries to counter the Borgia threat, Machiavelli is plunged into the grim realities of power politics, negotiates with kings and popes, and learns that no-one can be trusted.

In the tradition of Hilary Mantel, this is the story of a skilled diplomat whose name has become a byword for treachery and double dealing.

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Quotes

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'Wildman has captured the true spirit of Machiavelli as a diplomat and participant in the Florentine Republic turmoil.'

'Mr Wildman draws Machiavelli out of the shadows, puts some flesh on his bones and brings him to life.'

Key Selling Points

- Full of intricate detail
- Engaging, vivid characters
- History brought to life

About the Author

Born in Hertfordshire, England, Anthony R Wildman migrated to Australia with his family in 1967. He grew up and was educated in South Australia, where he acquired a degree in History and Politics from the University of Adelaide, providing the fuel for a lifelong fascination with both subjects.

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