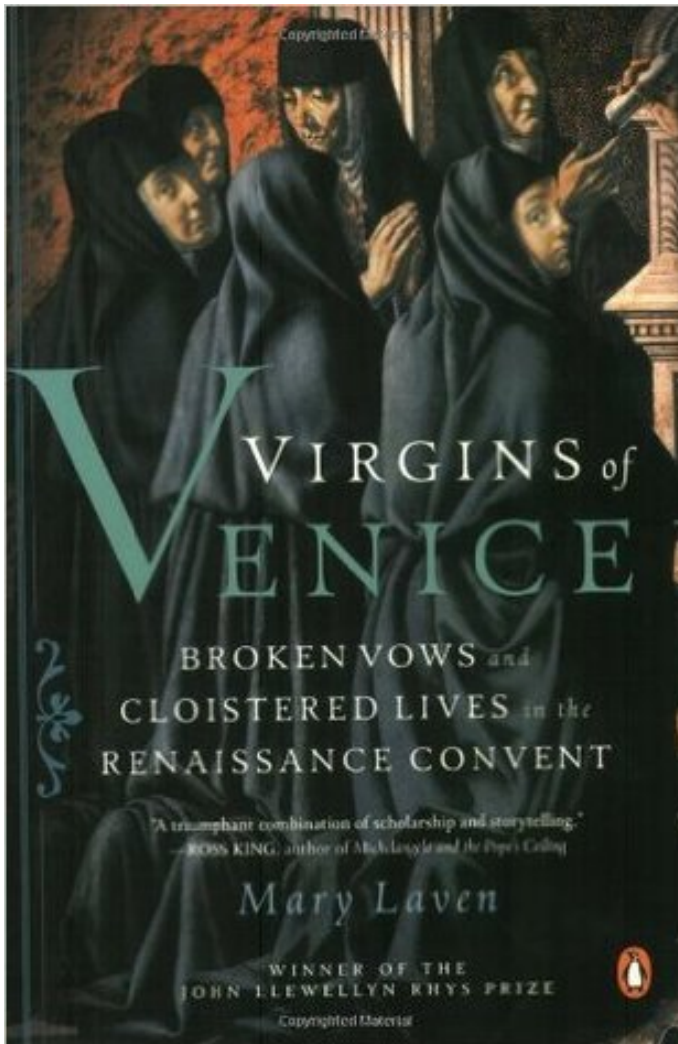

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Description

Venice in the late Renaissance was a city of fabulous wealth, reckless creativity, and growing social unrest. It was also a city of walls and secrets, ghettos and cloisters. In this captivating book, Cambridge historian Mary Laven uncovers the long-hidden stories of the “Virgins of Venice” and the surprising lives they led. Laven has created a detailed and dramatic tapestry of resourceful, determined, often passionate women who managed to lead fulfilling lives despite their virtual imprisonment. Far from being precincts of piety and silence, the convents were hotbeds of political scheming, colorful pageantry, and illicit love. Rich in intrigue and gossip, eye-opening in its revelations, *Virgins of Venice* brings to life a culturally vibrant period in Venice and the hidden residents who dwelled behind its walls.

Insightful reviews

Marielle: Hard going.

Marsha Altman: Excellent book on the life of nuns in Renaissance and Counter-Reformation Venice, drawing on a wealth of material to form a narrative of different aspects of their lives and the society around them. Some background in Renaissance Catholicism is probably helpful, but the text would stand on its own, I think.

Seth: Scandalous! Informative! Huzzah!

Linda: the subject of this publication - a glance into the convents of medieval/Renaissance Venice - is interesting adequate that i purchased it in hardcover, whatever I hardly do. the 1st few chapters lived as much as my expectations, offering well-researched and documented information regarding the lifetime of those nuns, people with a vocation and people with little choice. The writer's variety is usually very readable. My challenge with this ebook is that it grew to become seriously redundant, to the purpose that it grew to become a chore to arrive the final page. controlled to complete it, with determination.

Elizabeth: a desirable read. Laven information lifestyles within the convents of Venice simply after the Counter-Reformation and the Council of Trent instituted new and extra stringent ideas for nuns all through Catholic Europe. could not positioned it down.

Kagama-the Literaturevixen: fascinating subject yet I felt it will probably were better.

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