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Eleanor: Crown Jewel Of Aquitaine, France, 1136 (The Royal Diaries)



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Synopsis

Author of the best-selling Royal Diaries title, CLEOPATRA VII, Kristiana Gregory now takes readers to twelfth-century France and introduces Eleanor of Aquitaine, who becomes queen at age 15.Fourteen-year-old Eleanor of Aquitaine lives in a castle in Poitier, France, with her father Count William of Aquitaine (son of William the Conqueror), and her 12-year-old sister Petronilla. Their mother died several years earlier, so their grandmother and ladies-in-waiting raise the girls. Eleanor is extremely intelligent and literate, having been carefully educated by royal tutors. Spinning bores her, as does weaving, sewing, and other housewifery skills expected of her. She would rather be a knight and ride off to war. In fact, in 1136, when her father is invited to help invade Normandy,

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Customer Reviews

Grade 4-7-Eleanor's story begins in Poitiers, where she lives in a castle with her father, Duke William X of Aquitaine; her younger sister; and her grandmother. The 13-year-old's days are filled with lessons, court gossip and intrigue, and royal feasts. As a young lady approaching the marrying age, she and others are on the lookout for a suitable husband for her. Eleanor's diary is also the repository of some of the seamy details of life, including fleas in people's hair. When she marries the King of France's son, Louis the Younger, she goes to Paris to assume her new royal duties. With

attention focused on the small details of life and her youthful dreams, Eleanor comes to life. At the same time, readers learn about this period and some of its inhabitants through her eyes. An epilogue, historical note, family tree, photographs, and glossary of characters round out the book. Fans of the series will devour this installment.Kristen Oravec, Cuyahoga County Public Library, Strongsville, OHCopyright 2003 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Gr. 3-6. Gregory finds a near-perfect individual for the Royal Diaries series in Eleanor of Aquitaine and does her subject justice. The story begins in 1136, when Eleanor is a disobedient 13-year-old in her father’s ducal palace, and ends in 1137, when she marries and becomes queen of France. In this fictional diary, Eleanor records a wide variety of events and displays myriad emotions while creating an informative backdrop of the social and religious customs of the twelfth century. The characterizations of the lively Eleanor, her protective grandmother, and her troubled father are all convincing within their time and place. The book ends with an epilogue, a historical note, a Capet-Plantagenet family tree, and a list of characters (some historical, some fictional). Illustrations, also grouped at the end, include black-and-white reproductions of period paintings and engravings, photos of places and artifacts, and a map. A rewarding addition to a popular series. Carolyn PhelanCopyright Ã Â© American Library Association. All rights reserved

My elementary school ago daughter loves these books. Glad I found the series. This particular one is about Eleanor of Aquitaine - mother of Richard the Lionheart and Prince John of Robin Hood fame. I love the mix of historical fiction along with actual facts and photos at the backs of the books. Great way to introduce other cultures into my child’s life. She has been fascinated with history and I give some credit to these books. We just returned from a trip to the United Kingdom and we saw references to Queen Eleanor in a lot of the places we visited and each and every time her name came up my daughter would get excited and say "I read about her!". Got most of the books used - always high quality. Very impressed.

I read this book when I was in 6th grade (junior in college now) and fell completely in love with the series. Eleanor princess of Aquatine was such an amazing women and despite her mishaps in her marriage she was a wonderful leader and every young girl should aspire to be like her.

I have always loved this series. At age 26, I still love to pick up one of these books and read through them. This book is done very well, indeed. Very accurate and extremely engaging and interesting at

the same time. This book started my fascination with Eleanor of Aquitaine after never having even heard of her. These books jump-started my fascination with women in medieval/renaissance historical fiction. I love these books so much!!!~

I loved the story, my 9 year old said it was boring. I think she may like it better if she rereads it in few years.

These books are a great way for young girls to learn history. I'm 26 and I even learned a few things!

Interesting story, helped with understanding history.

My granddaughter is reading The Royal Diaries series and we could not find them in book stores so we searched the web. We are happy we found it. It was in good shape and arrived before Christmas.

Good quality with a few markings. However it was cheaper than store prices so it was still good reading material .

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