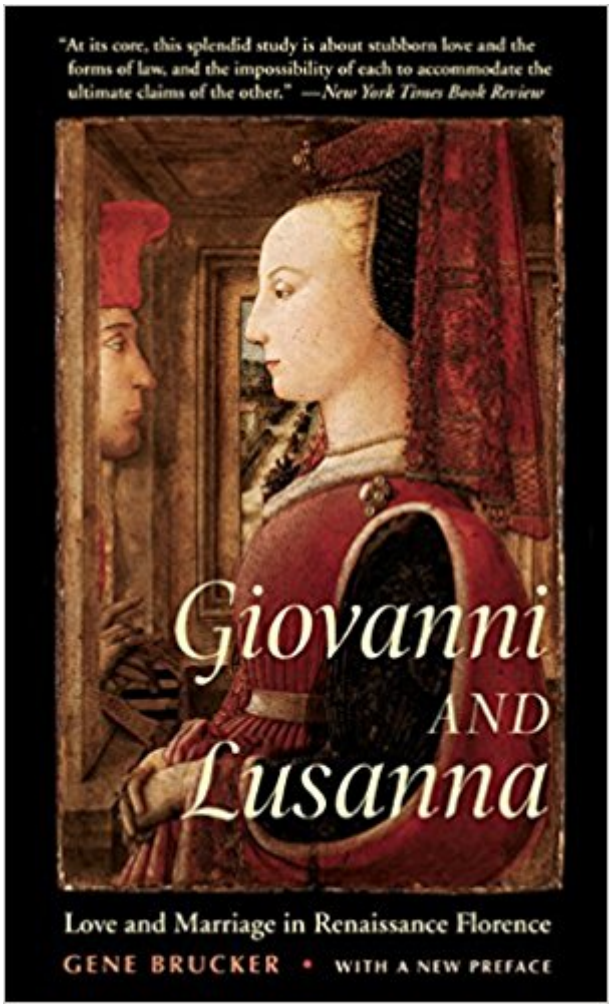
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Synopsis

This compelling account of a wronged woman in Renaissance Florence, first published in 1986, is a fascinating view of Florentine society and its attitudes on love, marriage, class, and gender. Lusanna was a beautiful woman from a middle-class background who, in 1455, brought suit against Giovanni, her aristocratic lover, when she learned he had contracted to marry a woman of his own class. Blending scholarship with insightful narrative, the book portrays an extraordinary woman who challenged the unwritten codes and barriers of the social hierarchy and dared to seek a measure of personal independence in a male-dominated world.

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Tough read, not for everyone.

I had to buy this book for my women's studies class and I must say I usually dread reading the books that I don't personally choose, but this one was actually a pretty great read. I am interested in women's history and European History, at that. This book was a short read, it only took me a couple hours to get through it. I would recommend this book to anyone who has an interest in social and gender roles during the Renaissance era, it is a great example of how a marriage is viewed between government and the church as well as how a man and a woman are looked upon during this time.

This book is about a marriage court case during the Renaissance - It provides insight on women and different social class hiearchies. It reminds me of a soap opera with he said she said arguments.

Excellent read with an interesting story to keep almost anyone engaged and wanting to know how it ends. I definitely recommend

Bought it for a history class in college. Intriguing love story. I got a good grade on the paper I had to write about it.

I got this book for school. Good quality and everything but the book was boring. Don't read in your free time

Thank you for this book. I have the Italian version and it is helping me understand the use of the language.

This book is very interesting. It definitely was not what I expected it to be but I found the story to be so entrancing that I couldn't put the book down until I was completely done reading it!

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