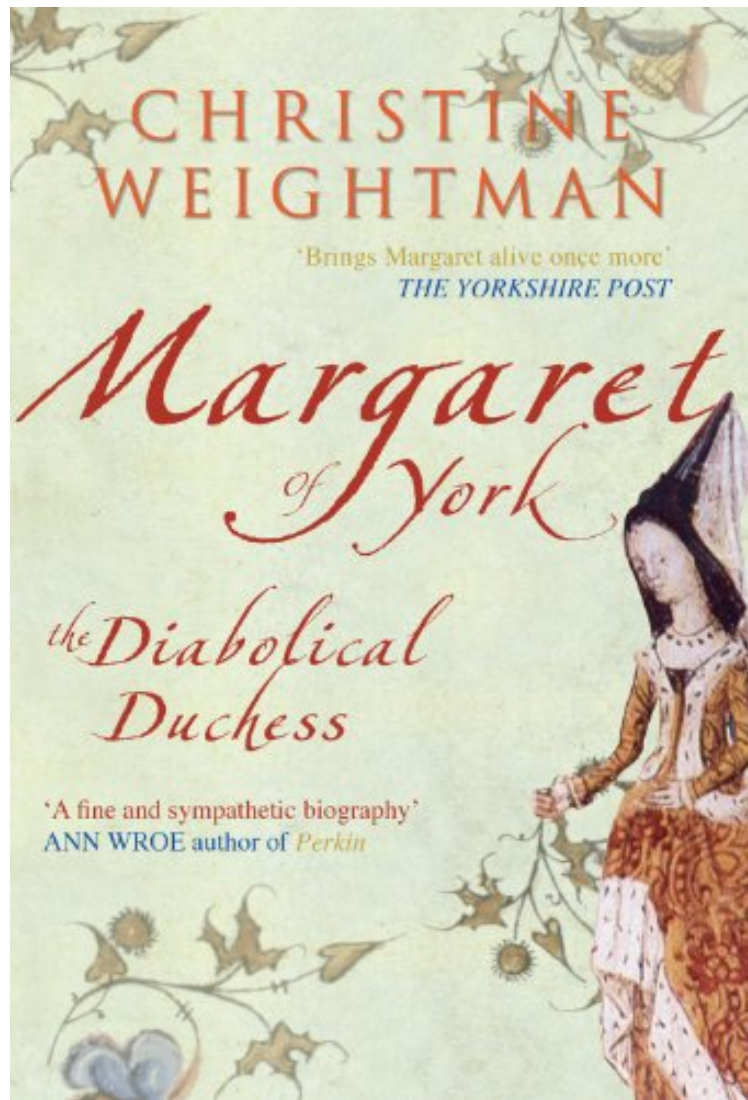


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Von Christine Weightman : Margaret of York: The Diabolical Duchess (English Edition) before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Margaret of York: The Diabolical Duchess (English Edition):

Kundenrezensionen Hilfreichste Kundenrezensionen 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. an immensely political duchess - a great survivor Von Amelrode Margaret of York (1446 - 1503) was a daughter of Richard Plantagenet, 3rd Duke of York and Cecily Neville and sister to the Kings Edward IV and Richard III. In 1468 she became the third wife of Charles the Bold, the Duke of Burgundy. The marriage remained childless, but Margaret very quickly became a respected and loved Duchess, standing in for her husband. Most importantly she became very

close to her step-daughter and the heiress to the duchy, Mary of Burgundy. When Charles died in battle in 1477 it was Margaret who acted decisively and ensured the swift accession of her inexperienced step-daughter, managed her marriage to Maximilian of Austria, later to be Emperor, and thereby ensured the survival of the Burgundian state in spite of the onslaught of the King of France. The Burgundian state became part of the Habsburg Empire. Margaret was a great help and support for the Mary and her husband, even after Mary had died in 1482. She supported the policies of Maximilian and his heir Duke Philip. Her connection with England remained intact and she had to experience the downfall of the York dynasty. She backed both Lambert Simnel and Perkin Warbeck, who tried to overthrow Henry VII Tudor, who was married to her niece Elisabeth. Margaret was a great survivor - she survived the war of the Roses, the last of the House of York, she survived the catastrophic death of the husband, the last of the Great Dukes of the West. She ensured that Burgundy did survive. Christine Weightman presents an interesting, substantial and sympathetic biography of a remarkable woman. It is not an easy read. It is a bit scholarly. It is not written in popular style. Christine Weightman puts her life into perspective, but never loses track of Margaret and the impact events had on her. Margaret appears as an immensely political duchess, not merely as a duchess-consort. Her relationship with her husband remains however a bit shadowy. It was not a love relationship, but properly one of respectful convenience. After his death she did not mourn beyond the expected, but acted for her step-daughter. Most interesting are the chapters on her support of the pretenders fighting Henry VII. Here it becomes clear that the support was linked to the political lines of the rulers of Burgundy. However some more in-depth study of the Warbeck episode is needed. Here some gaps exist. All in all, it is a book I enjoyed.

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