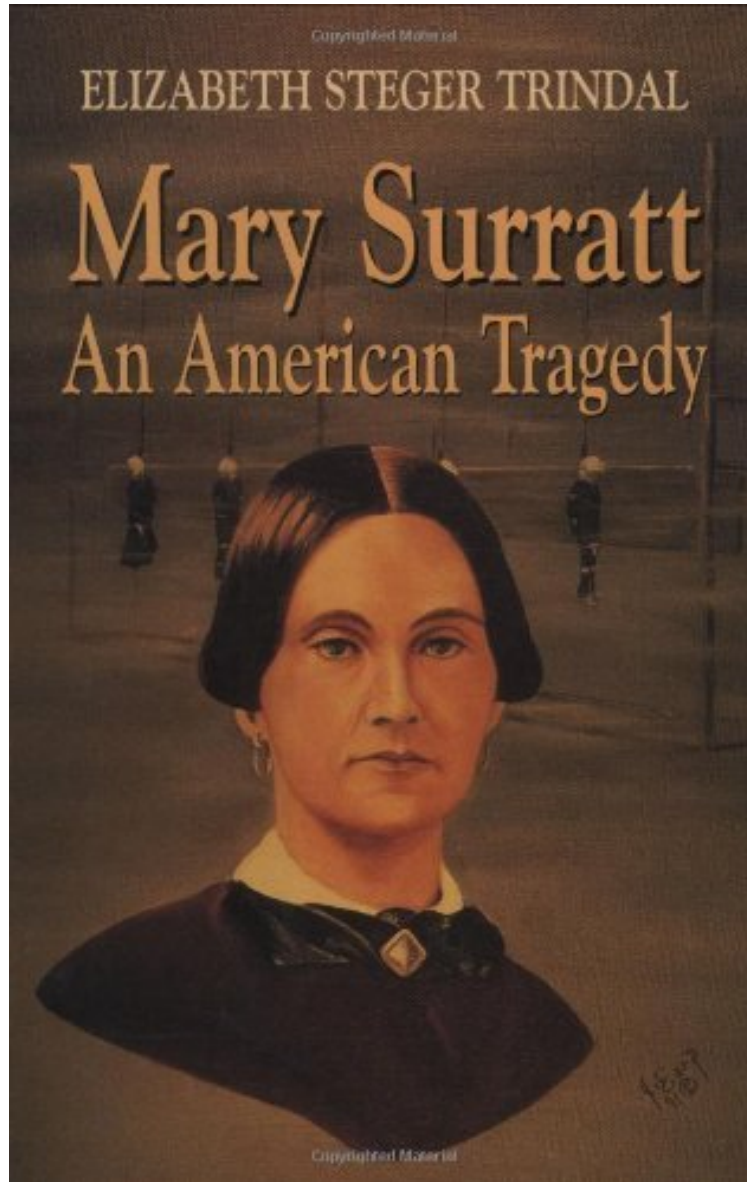


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Governments unconstitutional trial and subsequent murder of Mary Surratt. This could very well be a 19th Century version of Ruby Ridge or Waco. And like Ruby Ridge or Waco as long as the economy grows and my neighborhood is safe, who cares what happens to a few folks on the fringe of my sphere. I care. I believe Mary Surratt was an innocent who became a sacrifice on the federal altar of "make everyone feel good," justice. Elizabeth Trindal's sad and truthful account of poor Mary only serves to reinforce the old adage, "bad men cannot make good citizens". I recommend you buy, read and pass along this excellent book. Anyone interested in truthful accounts of our Nation's history will not be able to put it down. Elizabeth Trindal certainly deserves an award and our appreciation for this work. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Well worth reading - a must for historians Von Ein Kunde The recently published biography of Mary Surratt, by Elizabeth Steger Trindal, is a chilling study of abuse of power by our United States government at a time when our nation was at war with itself. Mary Surratt, widow of a tavern owner, mother of three, and devote Catholic, was hanged for her alleged role in the assassination of President Lincoln. Step by meticulous step, Trindal walks you through the life passages of Mary Surratt, the places she went, the people she knew, the actions she took, that all led to her conviction, and eventual death by strangulation by the United States government. Was she entirely innocent, was she partially guilty, or was she the cold blooded woman that history has known her as? Fifteen years of research are reflected as chapter by chapter the scene is set for the final demise of Mary Surratt. The first thirteen chapters lay the framework for understanding how Mary became associated with key players in the assassination of President Lincoln, including tie-ins with John Wilkes Booth himself through her son. The relationship that John Surratt, Mary's son, sought with John Wilkes Booth may well have been the reason Mary was put to death. A wonderful quality of this book is its readability despite Trindal's dedication to well-researched, extensively footnoted statements of fact. This book reads as easily as a suspense-filled mystery novel. Trindal skillfully plays on the ultimate question raised by the book. How could such a peaceful, God-fearing, motherly woman be brought under suspicion and eventual conviction for such a brutal crime? The only concern I had while reading this book was a noticeable southern perspective on events and activities of the time. But, in a way, this southern perspective helped me to better understand the passions and motivations of the people portrayed in the book. My accolades go out to Elizabeth Steger Trindal for this thought-provoking work that will make any American historian reevaluate the past and maybe even the present. If you are a history lover, or a civil war or Lincoln buff, then this book is a must for your bookshelf. Not just for its look at one unfortunate woman's life, but for its study of the workings of the nation's political and social arena at the time of this woman's life. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A must read for history and Civil War buffs. Von Ein Kunde We must keep our history alive and vividly honest. If we forget or rewrite our history we are doomed to repeat it. These are words that we need to live by today more than ever. If you have been appalled by the tragedy of our government then you must read the story of Mary Surratt. The government has failed before. It seems we learned little from this tragic story. This book is easily read but best of all it was an "all night" read. I could not put it down until the last tragic moment. This is American history at its best and at its worst. You will find history, intrigue, mayhem, tragedy, and tons of Civil War info. I hope you'll take the time to read this wonderful book. Enjoy!

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