

The Book Of The Courtier

George Goring was in many ways the archetypal cavalier, often portrayed as possessing the worst characteristics associated with the followers of King Charles I. He drank copiously, dressed and entertained lavishly, gambled excessively, abandoned his wife frequently, and was quick to resort to swordplay when he felt his honour was at stake. Yet, he was also a Member of Parliament and a respected soldier, who learnt his trade on the Continent during the Dutch Wars, and put his expertise to good use in support of the royalist cause during the English Civil War. In this, the first modern biography of Goring, the main events of his life are interwoven with the wider history of his age. Beginning with his family background in 1600, it charts his successes at court and exploits in the service of the Dutch, culminating in his experiences at the siege of Breda in 1637, and his role in the Bishops' Wars. However, his key role as a royalist general during the Civil War that is the major focus of this book, concludes with Goring's years of exile during the Republic. This fascinating and illuminating account of Goring's life, character and actions, provides not only a fresh examination of this contentious figure, but also reveals much about English society and culture in the first half of the seventeenth century.

The Book of the Courtier (Il Cortegiano), describing the behaviour of the ideal courtier (and court lady) was one of the most widely distributed books in the 16th century. It remains the definitive account of Renaissance court life. This edition, Thomas Hoby's 1561 English

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translation, greatly influenced the English ideal of the "gentleman." Baldesar Castiglione, courtier at the court of Urbino, at that time the most refined and elegant of the Italian. Practising his principles, counted many of the leading figures of his time as friends, and employed on sensitive diplomatic missions. He was a close personal friend of Raffaello da Urbino, better known as Raphael, who painted the sensitive portrait of Castiglione on the cover of this edition. Also available in hardcover. (isbn 9781781391860)

"Exhilarating...Stewart has achieved a near impossibility, creating a page-turner about metaphysical ideas, casting thinkers as warriors." —Liesl Schillinger, New York Times Book Review
Once upon a time, philosophy was a dangerous business—and for no one more so than for Baruch Spinoza, the seventeenth-century philosopher vilified by theologians and political authorities everywhere as "the atheist Jew." As his inflammatory manuscripts circulated underground, Spinoza lived a humble existence in The Hague, grinding optical lenses to make his ends meet. Meanwhile, in the glittering salons of Paris, Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz was climbing the ladder of courtly success. In between trips to the opera and groundbreaking work in mathematics, philosophy, and jurisprudence, he took every opportunity to denounce Spinoza, relishing his self-appointed role as "God's attorney." In this exquisitely written philosophical romance of attraction and repulsion, greed and virtue, religion and heresy, Matthew Stewart gives narrative form to an epic contest of ideas that shook the seventeenth century—and continues today.

People of the Pharaohs

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Selections from the History of the Former Han

The Fortunes of the Courtier

The Book of the Courtier: A Historic Guide to Manners and Etiquette in the Royal Court
Renaissance Europe

Or, A Treatise on Politeness and Delicacy of Manners

This book aims to understand the different readings of Castiglione's Cortegiano
Book of the Courtier from the Renaissance to the twentieth century.

In The Book of the Courtier (1528), Baldesar Castiglione, a diplomat and Papal Nuncio to Rome, sets out to define the essential virtues for those at Court. In a series of imaginary conversations between the real-life courtiers to the Duke of Urbino, his speakers discuss qualities of noble behaviour - chiefly discretion, decorum, nonchalance and gracefulness - as well as wider questions such as the duties of a good government and the true nature of love. Castiglione's narrative power and psychological perception make this guide both an entertaining comedy of manners and a revealing window onto the ideals and preoccupations of the Italian Renaissance at the moment of its greatest splendour.

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Birbal The Clever Courtier

The Pocket Oracle and Art of Prudence

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The Book of the Courtier: A Historic Guide to Manners and Etiquette in the Royal Courts of Renaissance Europe (Hardcover)

Courts and Courtiers in Renaissance Northern Italy

The Elizabethan Courtier Poets

Courtesy book, specifically intended for children. First appears in Italian in 1558.

This Is A New Release Of The Original 1900 Edition.

This interdisciplinary study examines painted portraiture as a defining metaphor of elite self-representation in early modern culture. Beginning with Castiglione's *Book of the Courtier* (1528), the most influential early modern account of the formation of elite identity, the argument traces a path across the ensuing century towards the images of courtiers and nobles by the most persuasive of European portrait painters, Van Dyck, especially those produced in London during the 1630s. It investigates two related kinds of texts: those which, following Castiglione, model the conduct of the ideal courtier or elite social conduct more generally; and those belonging to the established tradition of debates about the condition of nobility –how far it is genetically inherited and how far a function of excelling moral and social behaviour. Van Dyck is seen as contributing to these discussions through the language of pictorial art. The book will be of interest to scholars working in art history, cultural history, early modern history and Renaissance studies.

The Courtier and the Heretic: Leibniz, Spinoza, and the Fate of God in the Modern

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World

Done Into English

The Book of the Courtier from the Italian of Count Baldassare Castiglione

The Many Lives of Thomas Wyatt: Poet, Lover, Statesman, and Spy in the Court of Henry VIII

Self Representation by Early Modern Elites

The cleverness of Birbal, the most famous minister in the Mughal emperor Akbar's court, is legendary. Whenever Emperor Akbar had a problem to solve, or a philosophic question to ask, it was Birbal he turned to. And Birbal would provide him with thought-provoking or bizarre answers, which resolved the monarch's dilemma. So whether it was why the palms of people's hands are hairless, or if a mango tree could stand witness in court, or whether all sons-in-law should be hanged, Birbal could suggest an intelligent and funny solution to these problems. This made him Akbar's favourite, which in turn earned Birbal the envy of the other courtiers. This collection of twenty-one fabulously funny stories contains all the wit and wisdom that make the stories of Birbal so widely read and loved.

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A list of imaginary books ascribed to real authors.

The Book of the Courtier. Translated and Edited by Fiench Simpson

Sir Philip Sidney

Masking and Festivity in Castiglione's Book of the Courtier

Or Catalogus Librorum Aulicorum Incomparabilium Et Non Vendibilium

The Duchess of Malfi, The White Devil, The Broken Heart and 'Tis Pity She's a Whore

Answering common questions, such as what the Egyptians used for money, why they drew people in profile, & referring to famous monuments, this book presents a vivid & fascinating picture of life in Ancient Egypt throughout its 3000-year history.'

Sir Philip Sidney, whose life was tragically cut short at thirty-one, is now regarded as one of the most important poets of the Elizabethan era. A contemporary of Shakespeare, he was an influential figure at court where his reputation was won largely through his skills as a courtier rather than as a poet, poetry being an activity he indulged himself in privately. This new selection of Sidney's verse represents the full range of his remarkable poetic gifts, and includes *Astrophil and Stella*, and *The New Arcadia*, *The Defence of Poesy*--his most substantial works--as well as a number of shorter lyrics. Selected and edited by the leading Sidney scholar and biographer

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Katherine Duncan-Jones, this collection reveals that beneath the often dazzling verbal assurance lurked a vein of profound melancholy.

A classic on power to stand alongside Machiavelli and Marcus Aurelius. With aphorisms ranging from "find everyone's weak spot" to "quit whilst fortune is smiling, as all good gamblers do," this engrossing classic of the Spanish Golden Age offers pragmatic, hardheaded, and coldly-calculated advice on how to thrive in a cut-throat world. Its three hundred maxims were originally written in Spanish more than four hundred years ago and are as applicable to modern life as they are to the dynamics of Spanish Baroque society.

George Goring (1608–1657)

Graven With Diamonds

From the Italian of Count Baldassare Castiglione (Classic Reprint)

Castiglione's Allegory

A favourite of Queen Elizabeth I, Sir Henry Lee was known as 'the most accomplished cavaliero' in England. This handsome, entertaining and highly convivial gentleman was an important participant in life at court as Elizabeth's tournament champion. He created the spectacular Accession Day tournaments held annually before London crowds of more than

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8,000 people, was Lieutenant of Elizabeth's palace at Woodstock, and Master of the Armoury at the Tower of London during the Spanish Armada. This is the only biography of Sir Henry Lee in print, and explores the interaction of politics, culture and society of the Elizabethan court through the eyes of a popular and long-serving courtier. Indeed, few other courtiers managed to live such a long and satisfying life, and although this study of Sir Henry's life shows a diverse nature typical of many Elizabethan gentlemen - his travels to the courts of Italy, his knowledge of arms and armour, his delight in the world of emblems and symbolism, his close association with Philip Sidney, and his intimate relationship with a notorious woman at least thirty years his junior - it also questions what it meant to be a courtier. Was the game actually worth the candle? A distinguished scholar explores innovations in art and attitudes in this classic of cultural history. It chronicles the revival of humanism, church/empire conflicts, and the rise of modern government and individualism.

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THE MILLION COPY INTERNATIONAL BESTSELLER Drawn from 3,000 years of the history of power, this is the definitive guide to help readers achieve for themselves what Queen Elizabeth I, Henry Kissinger, Louis XIV and Machiavelli learnt the hard way. Law 1: Never outshine the master Law 2: Never put too much trust in friends; learn how to use enemies Law 3: Conceal your intentions Law 4: Always say less than necessary. The text is bold and elegant, laid out in black and red throughout and replete with fables and unique word sculptures. The 48 laws are illustrated through the tactics, triumphs and failures of great figures from the past who have wielded - or been victimised by - power.

(From the Playboy interview with Jay-Z, April 2003) PLAYBOY: Rap careers are usually over fast: one or two hits, then styles change and a new guy comes along. Why have you endured while other rappers haven't? JAY-Z: I would say that it's from still being able to relate to people. It's natural to lose yourself when you have success, to start surrounding

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yourself with fake people. In *The 48 Laws of Power*, it says the worst thing you can do is build a fortress around yourself. I still got the people who grew up with me, my cousin and my childhood friends. This guy right here (gestures to the studio manager), he's my friend, and he told me that one of my records, *Volume Three*, was wack. People set higher standards for me, and I love it.

The Practice of Science in the Culture of Absolutism

The Book of the Courtier from the Italian ...

The Book of the Courtier

The Civilization of the Renaissance in Italy

Courtly Performances

Informed by currents in sociology, cultural anthropology, and literary theory, Galileo, Courtier is neither a biography nor a conventional history of science. In the court of the Medicis and the Vatican, Galileo fashioned both his career and his science to the demands of patronage and its complex systems of wealth, power, and prestige. Biagioli argues that Galileo's courtly role was integral to his science—the questions he chose to examine, his methods, even his conclusions. Galileo, Courtier is a fascinating cultural and social history of science highlighting the workings of power, patronage, and credibility in the development of science.

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Pan Ku's celebrated and influential History of the Former Han has been a model for dynastic history since its appearance in the first century A.D. Burton Watson has translated ten chapters from the biography section, including the lives of imperial princes, generals, officials, and some lesser figures.

Excerpt from The Book of the Courtier: From the Italian of Count Baldassare Castiglione Poggio the Florentine, Secretary of the Apostolic See, Poggio or with the Betti e Fatti, piacevoh' e gravi, di diversi Principi, Filosofi e Cortigiam', compiled and 'reduced to morality' by the sober Guicciardini, or with any other in Guicciardini the estimable and prolific family of Renaissance jest-books. About the Publisher Forgotten Books publishes hundreds of thousands of rare and classic books. Find more at www.forgottenbooks.com This book is a reproduction of an important historical work. Forgotten Books uses state-of-the-art technology to digitally reconstruct the work, preserving the original format whilst repairing imperfections present in the aged copy. In rare cases, an imperfection in the original, such as a blemish or missing page, may be replicated in our edition. We do, however, repair the vast majority of imperfections successfully; any imperfections that remain are intentionally left to preserve the state of such historical works.

Galateo

Veiled Policy in The Book of the Courtier (1528)

From the Italian of Count Baldassare Castiglione

Galileo, Courtier

Sir Henry Lee (1533-1611): Elizabethan Courtier

Here are The Prince and the most important Discourses, newly translated into spare, vivid English by one of the most gifted historians of his generation. Why a new translation? "Machiavelli was never the dull, worthy, pedantic author who appears in the pages of other translations", says David Wootton in his Introduction. "In the pages that follow I have done my best to let him speak in his own voice." (And indeed, Wootton's Machiavelli literally does so when the occasion demands: Renderings of that most problematic of words, virtù, are in each instance followed by the Italian). Notes, a map, and an altogether remarkable Introduction, no less authoritative for being grippingly readable, help make this edition an ideal first encounter with Machiavelli for any student of history and political theory.

The Book of the Courtier, Baldassare Castiglione's classic account of Renaissance court life, offers profound insight into the refined behavior which defined the era's ruling class. The courtly customs and manners of Italy to a great extent characterized the Renaissance, which elevated art and expression to new heights. Baldassare Castiglione published this book with the intention of chronicling the manners, customs and traditions which underpinned how courtiers, nobles, and their servants, behaved. Although ostensibly a book of etiquette and good conduct, Castiglione's treatise carries enormous historical value. He derived his observations

directly from the many gatherings and receptions conducted by society's elite. Conversations with the officials, diplomats and nobility of the era further enhanced the accuracy of this book, imbuing it with an authenticity seldom seen elsewhere.

Castiglione's Book of the Courtier (Il libro del cortegiano, 1528), a dialogue in which the interlocutors attempt to describe the perfect courtier, was one of the most influential books of the Renaissance. In recent decades a number of postmodern readings of this work have appeared, emphasizing what is often characterized as the playful indeterminacy of the text, and seeking to detect inconsistencies which are interpreted as signs of anxiety or bad faith in its presentation. In contrast to these postmodern readings, the present study conducts an experiment. What understanding does one gain of Castiglione's book if one attempts an early modern reading? The author approaches The Book of the Courtier as a text in which some of its most important aspects are intentionally concealed and veiled in allegory. W.R. Albury argues that this early modern reading of The Book of the Courtier enables us to recover a serious political message which has a great deal of contemporary relevance and which is lost from sight when the work is approached primarily as a courtly etiquette book, or as a lament for the lost influence of the aristocracy in an age when autocratic nation-states were coming into being, or as an impersonal textual field upon which a

free play of transformations and deconstructions may be performed.

Ivy Lee and the Development of Public Relations in America

Their Poems and Their Contexts

Caroline Courtier and Royalist General

From Peasant to Courtier

The 48 Laws Of Power

Courtier to the Crowd is the first full-length biography of the public relations pioneer Ivy Ledbetter Lee. This book traces the story of Lee through his early training in the family of a Methodist minister and in schools, in the newspaper office, as a fledgling publicist, and then as a pioneer public relations counsel for some of the greatest corporations in the world. Ivy Lee was born at a crucial moment in history. In the last half of the nineteenth century, the industrial revolution brought exploitative capitalism to a crisis. Unbridled competition was suffocating business from the inside, while public clamor for more control was stifling it from the outside. Lee understood that organization and cooperation were indispensable for success in the new order. And he realized that public acceptance was necessary in a democratic society. To win acceptance, the public had to be fully informed, but it also had to be fully understood. Lee's own success in persuading corporate adoption of these new methods of dealing with the business public made him one of the most influential and controversial men of his time. The use of these techniques

eventually became known as the practice of public relations. Lee helped bring professional status to those who devoted their time to this kind of activity, and those who have followed in his footsteps regard him as a founder of modern public relations. Lee often said he didn't know how to describe his work, perhaps because there was as yet no glossary for what he did. Looking back, says author Ray Hiebert, Ivy Lee was practicing social responsibility, conflict resolution, and with his international interests, public diplomacy long before those terms were conceived. These pages are a stimulating combination of history, biography, economics, theology, and journalism. The book should have a place on the shelf of every person who practices in the fields of public relations or journalism, and readily available as a source of information and guidance for corporate executives, businessmen, clergymen, politicians, lawyers, newsmen, and editors.

First published in 1528 and written over several years by Baldesar Castiglione, count of Novilara, "The Book of the Courtier" is one of the most important and definitive accounts of Italian Renaissance court life. Organized as a series of fictional conversations that occur between the courtiers of the Duke of Urbino in 1507, "The Book of the Courtier" is a book of manners and etiquette and discusses the expectations for a perfect courtier. Castiglione had intimate knowledge of these rules and standards as he was a courtier and diplomat himself with many years

spent in the Duke of Urbino's court. The courtier must have a warrior spirit, be athletic, and have good knowledge of the humanities, classics, and fine arts. As the fictional members of the court debate and try to describe the perfect gentleman, as well as the perfect lady, they engage in a discussion of the nature of nobility, humor, and love in the age of the Italian Renaissance. "The Book of the Courtier" was widely read and distributed soon after its publication and remains a significant first-hand account of this fascinating period in history. This edition follows the translation of Leonard E. Opdycke and is printed on premium acid-free paper.

In this thrillingly entertaining book, Nicola Shulman interweaves the bloody events of Henry VIII's reign with the story of English love poetry and the life of its first master, Henry VIII's most glamorous and enigmatic subject: Sir Thomas Wyatt. Poet, statesman, spy, lover of Anne Boleyn and favorite both of Henry VIII and his sinister minister Thomas Cromwell, the brilliant Wyatt was admired and envied in equal measure. His love poetry began as risqué entertainment for ambitious men and women at the slippery top of the court. But when the axe began to fall and Henry VIII's laws made his subjects fall silent in terror, Wyatt's poetic skills became a way to survive. He saw that a love poem was a place where secrets could hide.

Courtier and Commoner in Ancient China

The Courtier's Library

Sprezzatura

The European Reception of Castiglione's Cortegiano

The Book of the Courtier From the Italian of Count Baldassare Castiglione

A new volume of the greatest revenge tragedies of the seventeenth-century stage. These four plays, written during the reigns of James I and Charles I, took revenge tragedy in dark and ambiguous new directions. In *The Duchess of Malfi* and *The White Devil*, John Webster explores power, sex, and corruption in the Italian court, creating two unforgettable anti-heroines. In *The Broken Heart*, John Ford questions the value of emotional repression as his characters attempt to subdue their desires and hatreds in ancient Greece. Finally, Ford's masterpiece *'Tis Pity She's a Whore* explores the taboo themes of incest and forbidden love in a daring reworking of *Romeo and Juliet*. For more than sixty-five years, Penguin has been the leading publisher of classic literature in the English-speaking world. With more than 1,500 titles, Penguin Classics represents a global bookshelf of the best works throughout history and across genres and disciplines. Readers trust the series to provide authoritative texts enhanced by introductions and notes by distinguished scholars and contemporary authors, as well as up-to-date translations by award-winning translators.

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The essence of art is to conceal art. A dancer or musician does not only need to perform with ability. There should also be a lack of visible effort that gives an impression of naturalness. To disguise technique and feign ease is to heighten beauty. To express this notion, Italian has a word with no exact equivalent in other languages, sprezzatura: a kind of unaffectedness or nonchalance. In this book, the first to consider sprezzatura in its own right, philosopher of art Paolo D'Angelo reconstructs the history of concealing art, from ancient rhetoric to our own times. The word sprezzatura was coined in 1528 by Baldassarre Castiglione in *The Book of the Courtier* to mean a kind of grace with a special essence: the ability to conceal art. But the idea reaches back to Aristotle and Cicero and forward to avant-garde works such as Duchamp's ready-mades, all of which share the suspicion of the overt display of skill. The precept that art must be hidden turns up in a number of fields, from cosmetics to interior design, politics to poetry, the English garden to shabby chic. Through exploring different articulations of this idea, D'Angelo shows the paradox of aesthetics: art hides that it is art, but in doing so it reveals itself to be art and becomes an assertion about art. When art is concealed, it appears as spontaneous as nature—yet, paradoxically, also reveals its indebtedness to technique. An erudite and surprising tour through aesthetics,

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philosophy, and art history, Sprezzatura presents a strikingly original argument with deceptive ease.

"This monumental study of the elite social environment of the Elizabethan court fuses two of the most productive trends in current Renaissance studies: the court as the center of artistic consumption and patronage, and the circulation of literary texts in manuscripts. The ""courtly aesthetic"" is investigated for the role poetry played in the lives of those at court, rather than the efforts of outsiders to influence the court through poetry. Part I, a critical history of the verse, elucidates the social, cultural, and political dimensions of the works and their authors. Part II provides biographies of 32 courtier poets, with generous selections of their poetry."

Courtier to the Crowd

Concealing the Effort of Art from Aristotle to Duchamp

Picturing Courtiers and Nobles from Castiglione to Van Dyck

The Book of the Courtier from the Italian of Count Baldassare

Castiglione

Selected Political Writings