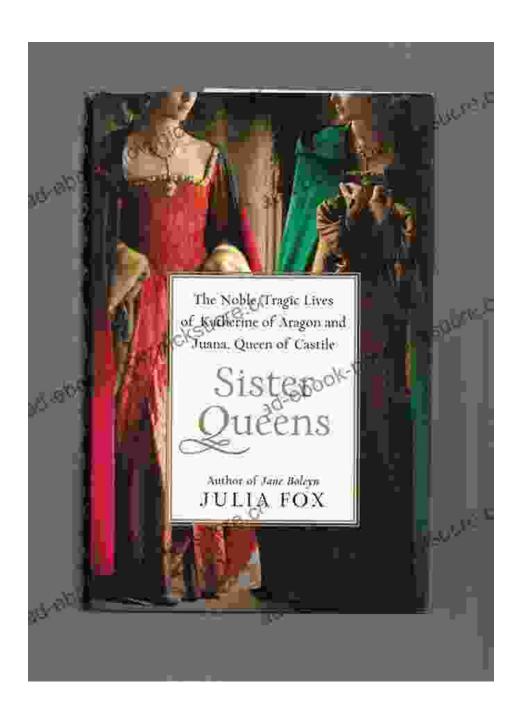
The Noble Tragic Lives of Katherine of Aragon and Juana Queen of Castile



Katherine of Aragon and Juana Queen of Castile were two noble women who lived tragic lives. Katherine was the first wife of Henry VIII of England, while Juana was the Queen of Castile and Aragon. Both women were born

into royal families, but they both suffered greatly in their personal lives. Katherine was divorced by Henry VIII and Juana was declared insane and imprisoned for over 40 years.



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Katherine of Aragon

Katherine of Aragon was born in Spain in 1485. She was the daughter of Ferdinand II of Aragon and Isabella I of Castile. Katherine was a beautiful and intelligent woman, and she was well-educated. She was fluent in several languages, and she enjoyed reading and writing.

In 1501, Katherine married Arthur, Prince of Wales. Arthur was the eldest son of Henry VII of England. The marriage was arranged by the two kings, and it was intended to strengthen the alliance between England and Spain. However, Arthur died just five months after the marriage.

Katherine was devastated by Arthur's death. She was only 16 years old, and she had never known any other man. She was sent back to Spain,

where she lived for several years in mourning.

In 1509, Henry VII died and Henry VIII became king. Henry VIII was a young and handsome man, and he was immediately taken with Katherine. He proposed to her, and she accepted. The two were married in 1511.

Katherine and Henry VIII had a happy marriage at first. They had six children together, but only one of them survived to adulthood. Katherine was a devoted wife and mother, and she was loved by the English people.

However, Henry VIII's affections for Katherine began to cool after a few years. He wanted a male heir, and Katherine was unable to provide him with one. In 1533, Henry VIII began to annul his marriage to Katherine. He claimed that the marriage was invalid because Katherine had previously been married to Arthur.

Katherine refused to accept the annulment. She appealed to the Pope, but he refused to intervene. In 1534, Henry VIII had his marriage to Katherine annulled by the Archbishop of Canterbury. Katherine was stripped of her title of Queen and sent into exile.

Katherine lived in exile for the rest of her life. She died in 1533 at the age of 48. She was buried in Peterborough Cathedral.

Juana Queen of Castile

Juana Queen of Castile was born in Spain in 1479. She was the daughter of Ferdinand II of Aragon and Isabella I of Castile. Juana was a beautiful and intelligent woman, but she was also very shy and withdrawn.

In 1496, Juana married Philip I of Habsburg. Philip was the son of Maximilian I, Holy Roman Emperor. The marriage was arranged by the two kings, and it was intended to strengthen the alliance between Spain and Austria.

Juana and Philip had six children together. However, the marriage was not a happy one. Philip was often away from home, and he was unfaithful to Juana. Juana became increasingly jealous and suspicious.

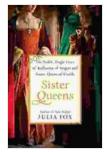
In 1506, Philip died suddenly. Juana was devastated by his death. She refused to believe that he was dead, and she kept his body in her bed for several days. Juana's behaviour became increasingly erratic, and she was eventually declared insane.

Juana was imprisoned in the castle of Tordesillas in Spain. She was held captive for over 40 years. During this time, she was subjected to harsh treatment by her guards. Juana's health deteriorated, and she eventually died in 1555 at the age of 76. She was buried in the Royal Chapel of Granada.

Katherine of Aragon and Juana Queen of Castile were two noble women who lived tragic lives. Katherine was divorced by Henry VIII and exiled from England. Juana was declared insane and imprisoned for over 40 years. Both women suffered greatly in their personal lives, but they both remained strong and dignified throughout their ordeals.

Katherine of Aragon and Juana Queen of Castile are examples of the many noble women who have suffered throughout history. Their stories are a reminder that even the most privileged women are not immune to tragedy.

However, their stories are also a reminder that even in the darkest of times, it is possible to find strength and hope.



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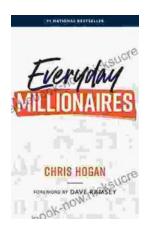
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