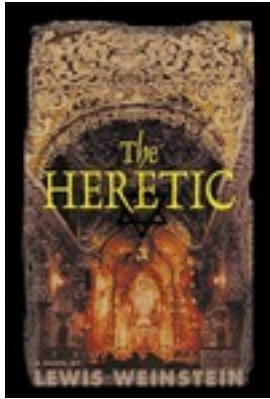


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## The Heretic



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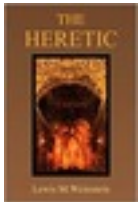
## Description

The Heretic, set in mid-15th century Seville, portrays Gabriel Catalan's struggle to be a Jew in the face of unrelenting religious persecution.

## Insightful reviews

Eileen: This is a pretty good book about "conversos" or Jews forced to convert to Christianity in 14th-16th century Spain. The storyline is actually about a family of conversos who try to re-establish their Judaism in a time when Jews are persecuted.

Lewis Weinstein: FULL DISCLOSURE ... I am the author. This is a Spanish edition (published last week) of The Heretic, originally published in English in 2000.



Here are extracts from a review (of the English edition) from The Historical Novels Review ...

... The narrative is compelling, sweeping the reader along on a well-paced journey, while the setting comes alive with the sights, sounds and smells of medieval Spain.

... Set in fifteenth century Spain, The Heretic by Lewis Weinstein tells the story of a converso Christian who rediscovers his Jewish roots, with dire consequences.

... Steeped in late medieval culture, the novel immerses the reader in a world of religious intolerance and cross-cultural cooperation.

... Mr. Weinstein clearly did a wealth of research and manages to weave most of it in skillfully.

... His characters, both fictional and historical, are vital living beings, well motivated, true-to-life and, more importantly, true to the period.

... Gabriel Catalan, his wife Pilar, their son Tomas and daughter-in-law Esther, shine through the book, confronting their past and fighting for a future for their family.

... Set against the turbulent period in Spanish history just prior to the establishment of the Spanish Inquisition, the story follows Gabriel's quest to preserve the great works of Judaism using the newly invented printing press.

... He and his family risk their lives to keep their activities hidden from the Church authorities,

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most notably from the Dominican monk, Friar Ricardo Perez, a protégé of Torquemada.

... The history of the relationship between the Jewish people and the Christians is incorporated in a believable way so that readers become acquainted with the historical background behind the rise of the Inquisition.

Lena: Disturbing.

Madeleine Russo: Everyone, be you Christian, Catholic, Jewish....matters no longer it is a booklet as a way to open your eyes and expand your wisdom of ways spiritual persecution took place. you can be astonished at how faith was once used to severely punish humans - so instances for no strong reason. you owe it yo your self to place this e-book as a needs to read..when you're performed you may have a higher realizing of our human race. nice BOOK!

Patricia O'Sullivan: Gabriel Catalan's father was once stoned to loss of life by means of a Christian mob regardless of changing to Christianity. As he nears heart age, Gabriel seeks to profit extra approximately his father's Jewish faith. Welcomed right into a group of mystery Jews, Gabriel is entrusted by means of them to benefit the hot paintings of printing from Herr Gutenberg himself so the Jews can guard their sacred texts and inspire fledgling Jewish groups in Spain. As Gabriel's fortunes rise, he arms over the printing operation to his son, Thomas, who has additionally determined to come back to Judaism. yet a Dominican priest with a hatred of Jews is set to damage the Catalans, making their each flow wrought with danger. Gabriel and Thomas have befriended younger Queen Isabella of Castile, yet is her friendship adequate to avoid wasting them?The Heretic is a major read, dense with passages on history, theology, and way of life in 15th-century Spain. It took me awhile to learn it, now not simply because i discovered it uninteresting or difficult, yet since it is the type of narrative one savors instead of devours in one sitting. i ended the tale chuffed within the approach i have felt after finishing difficult, yet intellectually stimulating classes. My favourite personality used to be Thomas Catalan. He ties such a lot of of the narrative threads along with his strange friendships with a Spanish princess and a Moorish prince, his smooth love for Esther Ardit and her son, his loyalty to his family, and his potential as an artisan and a guy of business.It is critical for every person to appreciate how spiritual fanaticism destroys families, nations, and the very religions they search to promote. Lew Weinstein demanding situations his readers, in particular his Christian readers, to consider the legacy of fanaticism within the relatives among Christians, Jews, and Muslims.

Pat K: An ancient telling of the treatment, by means of the Catholic church, of the Jews in Spain, best as much as the interval of the Spanish inquisition. i've got learn a couple of books concerning the annihilation of the Cathars and different non secular teams by way of the Catholic Church, and that i had learned the Jews have been additionally persecuted by way of the church, yet this tale explores not just the activities of the church, but in addition the tenacity and resourcefulness of the Jewish people. A slowish learn yet a completely fascinating story.

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