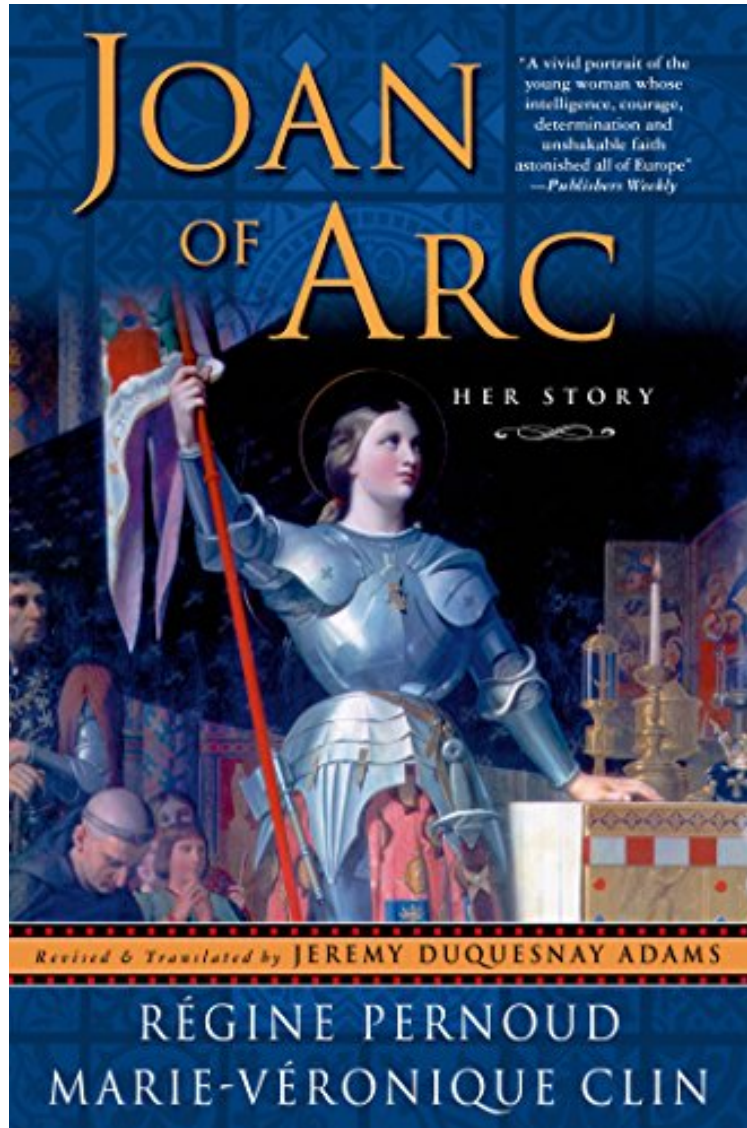


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Rgine Pernoud, Marie-Vronique Clin : Joan of Arc: Her Story before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Joan of Arc: Her Story:

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. An amazing portrait of Joan of Arc-girl, military genius, soldier, saint
By Shannon Broerman
This is about the 7th or 8th book I've read about St. Joan, my patron saint, and I must say it did not disappoint. Régine Pernoud is a renowned French historian who has done other books about St. Joan, each a little different than the other. She does not exhaust the reader with a detailed account of her entire life, but condenses

major events so that it doesn't bore you with endless details. There's plenty of other books about St. Joan if that's what you're looking for. Every book I've read has painted a clearer and clearer picture of this fascinating young lady, and the more details I discover, the more real she becomes to me. This is one of few books that I believe gives a whole picture of St. Joan, and doesn't just focus on one aspect of her life or another. You read about Joan the girl, Joan the military genius, Joan the soldier, Joan the saint. All of this gives the reader a very human, realistic image. One of my favorite things in this book was reading the "extras" that take up roughly half of the book. The author doesn't give the details of certain people and events in St. Joan's life when telling her story in the first half, but provides details-sometimes abundant depending on the person/subject-in the second half. A rather interesting article is written in this part of the book on the particular form of French she spoke and even how she pronounced certain words. Amazing! I loved reading the little things about her: about how she clapped Gobert Thibault, a royal esquire, on the shoulder; how she had a very sharp and witty sense of humor; how she "hung out" with her fellow soldiers before and after battle, and even shielded them with her own body when riding in to an assault; and one of my personal favorites-how she talked with a certain accent particular to the Lorraine region of France where she was from. I found this last fact particularly fascinating as I'd never read anything about it before. Just an amazing book. I highly recommend. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. If You Are Looking for One Book to Learn About Joan of Arc, This is the One for You! By William D Thompson I bought this book based on the many positive reviews and completely agree. It is an excellent read: well documented, well written, and an excellent translation from the original French. In addition to a completed telling of the life story of Joan, including the context of her achievements in European history, this book includes sections with complete translations of her existing letters, separate discussions of the key players in the story, discussions of her impact in film and the theaters, passion plays, etc., etc. Basically, it is an excellent starting place to learn about Joan of Arc and her impact on history. Highly recommended! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Accessible, Comprehensive, Well Written By Katinka Very nice historical text on Joan of Arc and the cultural context in which she emerged as a popular religious and patriotic figure in Medieval France. Covers what is known of her childhood and her family, mysteries and theories, military and diplomatic achievements, imprisonment and torture, trials, adversaries and allies, her tragic and untimely death, and her impact on French and international pop culture. Many passages include Joan's own words from her letters and trial transcripts, and her letters are reprinted in their original French in the back of the book, which I loved. Illustrative maps help the reader retrace Joan's steps and gain a new perspective of the geological implications of Joan's journey and her impact on France. The typeset in the back of the book is extremely small, which caused this volume to lose one star because it took forever to trundle through the tiny type and make my eyes hurt. Overall, a great book on Joan of Arc and I recommend it to anyone who is interested in her history.

In an exquisite English translation from the bestselling French edition, *Joan of Arc: Her Story* now appears for American readers. From the French peasant girl who led an army to the icon burned at the stake, Joan has been a blank slate on which thousands have written. Pernoud and Clin clear away the myths so that modern readers can see Joan as she was and include a glossary of important individuals, historical events and interpretations of Joan through the ages. *Joan of Arc: Her Story* is the thrilling life of a woman who obsesses us even to this day.

.com The peasant girl who led an army against the English and placed Charles VII on the French throne has inspired countless books since her death at age 19. While others have claimed Joan the Maid (as she called herself) for every cause from feminism to working-class radicalism, this meticulous volume by two French scholars sticks close to the known facts. The authors make extensive use of contemporary documents that bring to life the turbulent political scene in which Joan operated as well as her forceful personality. Joan followed the directives of voices she believed were sent to her by God; her deep piety, self-assurance, decisiveness, and shrewd intelligence radiate from her letters and from her responses to hostile questioning at the rigged trial that resulted in her being burned alive as a heretic in 1431. General readers may be intimidated at first by a detailed narrative studded with lengthy quotations, but those who persevere will discover a story all the more moving because it is not manipulated to make a modern-day point. This English translation updates the 1986 French volume's bibliography, supplements the biographies in part 2 with sketches of historical figures less familiar outside of France, and generally makes the book more accessible for English-language readers. --Wendy Smith From Publishers Weekly Joan of Arc means many things to many people: the incarnation of French patriotism, a Fascist mascot for anti-Semitism, the symbol of working-class resistance, the ultimate proto-feminist, the political prisoner, the innocent woman persecuted for heresy. In order to separate legend from fact, her uses from herself, Pernoud and Clin have ingeniously turned the mystifying question "Who is Joan of Arc?" into the more manageable "What is [her] historical record?" Joan's history was brief: a year of fighting, a year of imprisonment. In 1429, inspired by holy "voices," she traveled to the failing dauphin Charles (later King Charles VII) and declared that she would free the city of Orleans from his English enemies and lead him to his coronation. Shortly after fulfilling both prophecies, she was captured by the English, who tried her for heresy and burned her at the stake. In 1455, 24 years after her death, a new trial concluded that the English inquisition was improperly conducted and

nullified its decision. Throughout their descriptions of these events, the authors draw upon copious letters and trial transcripts to present a vivid portrait of the young woman whose intelligence, courage, determination and unshakable faith astonished all of Europe. A brief introduction and a section of profiles of the major players make this thorough book accessible to the general reader. Though the writing is sometimes dry, Pernoud and Clin do an admirable job of bringing clarity to their complicated subject. This is the first English translation of a book published in 1986 in France. 12 illustrations, 8 maps. Copyright 1999 Reed Business Information, Inc. From Library Journal This book fails to live up to its title. Although British journalists O'Malley and Craig demonstrate that the Nixon administration never acted to reverse the 1974 Greek coup on Cyprus or the subsequent Turkish military intervention (despite indications that such a chain of events might take place), this is a far cry from proving--as they claim to--that the administration conspired with Athens to partition the island. In the absence of any direct evidence, their case for conspiracy is circumstantial at best. A more plausible explanation for Kissinger's inaction is that, because of the island's geostrategic importance, the United States was not averse to an eventual division of Cyprus between Greece and Turkey. A partition would help to alleviate tensions between key NATO allies, secure NATO's eastern flank against Soviet encroachment, and assure the island's continued availability as a U.S. intelligence base. It was likely not skullduggery but opportunism that induced Washington to stand aside during the events of 1974, and that such inaction does not constitute a conspiracy in any meaningful sense. Not recommended.-James Holmes, Ph.D. candidate, Fletcher Sch. of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts Univ., Medford, MA Copyright 1999 Reed Business Information, Inc.