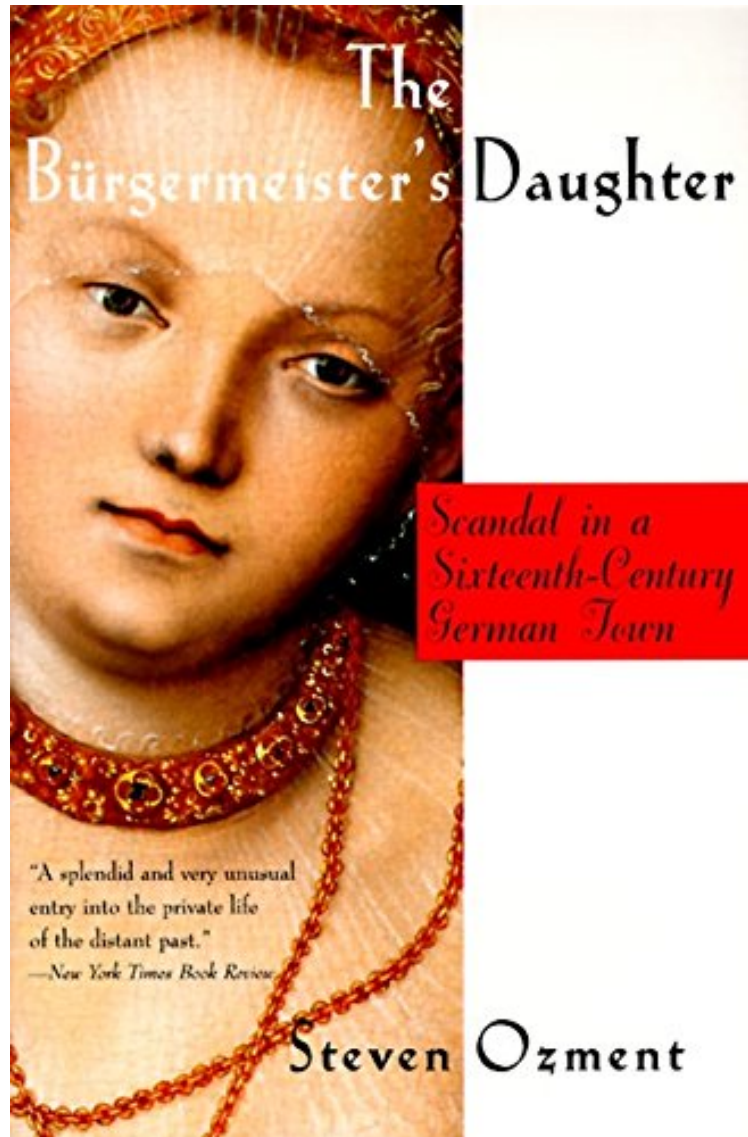


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0 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Sins of a fatherBy peter ceesayI love the book and the very intriguing story. It may be true that the daughter was unlady like and promiscuous in her behaviour especially during that period when the goodness of ones family name and character means more to those in power. Her dad, the burgermeister , in my opinion should bear the bulk of the blame. He was vicious towards the daughter and denying her of a life worthy of the daughter of a burgermeister. I am not aware of any circumstance in the book where the father even made an attempt to marry her off to a worthy man and family. Instead, Anna was subjected to run the father's household when his wife (Anna's mother) died. The burgermeister denying her daughter her rightful inheritance was wrong and evil. One has to admire the courage of the daughter to take her fight against her father and estate, and mark you, a very powerful man, through the courts and legal system. I love the story and it is beautifully written.9 of 20 people found the following review helpful. Intriguing Topic - Poor RepresentationBy Xoe Li LuSteven Ozment has managed to take an intriguing subject - the sordid (and true) affairs of a 16th century Burgermeister's daughter - and make it as dull and unreadable as possible. I concur with other reviewers who stated that Ozment's writing and research are both deeply flawed. His account of the willful and oft-unfairly treated Anna Bueschler could be a fascinating commentary on 16th century German history, social mores, family and romantic relationships, politics and the role of women in society. Instead, Ozment neglects all of these possibilities and focuses on the most mundane aspects of Bueschler's case, and does so poorly at that. Events are discussed out of order, sources are thrown about haphazardly, and the wonderful surviving letters that relate to Anna Bueschler are not used to their best advantage. The author repeats the same themes over and over throughout the book, while never really making any progress in his analysis of Anna's situation. The book reads like a bad high school textbook. It is a shame that such a fascinating and strong-willed historical figure has been treated so unjustly by Ozment (as she often was in life by her peers!). Perhaps another more-organized historian will take up the case of Anna Bueschler and do right by her.0 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Five StarsBy Bettina A. SullivanGreat book for anyone wanting to know more about this region of Germany.

In an era when women were supposed to be disciplined and obedient, Anna proved to be neither. Defying 16th-century social mores, she was the frequent subject of gossip because of her immodest dress and flirtatious behavior. When her wealthy father discovered that she was having secret, simultaneous affairs with a young nobleman and a cavalryman, he turned her out of the house in rage, but when she sued him for financial support, he had her captured, returned home and chained to a table as punishment. Anna eventually escaped and continued her suit against her father, her siblings and her home town in a bitter legal battle that was to last 30 years and end only upon her death. Drawn from her surviving love letters and court records, *The Burgermeister's Daughter* is a fascinating examination of the politics of sexuality, gender and family in the 16th century, and a powerful testament to the courage and tenacity of a woman who defied the inequalities of this distant age.

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