

BRIEF HISTORY OF PHILIP II

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Historical essay

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The authentic history of "The Prudent" King, the most powerful monarch of his era, that transformed his domains in the first Empire of the world. An exciting historic tour around the main historical events, and the intrigues of the Court; from the wars, El Escorial and the Armada, to the secret policy of the Machiavellian King, his huge legacy and the black legend.

Synopsis

Approach Philip II, the King that directed the designs of Europe, and of the world, in the historic moment he had to live. His political decisions, family problems, the intrigues of court, etc., as well as the humanity within the man.

Brief History of Philip II will help the reader understand this persona through the story of his life and his reign, which run similarly and were sometimes intermingled. Through the historical facts, his weaknesses will be revealed: his doubts, fears, distrust, rigidity and his pride, but also his religiosity, his concept of justice, and of the monarchy, his responsibility, his capacity of deliverance at work, and also his scarce moments of recreation of the soul, as he took walks around the forests of Valsain or of the gardens of Aranjuez, his hobby to hunting, or to the sacred music.

José Miguel Cabañas, the author, is an expert on the subject, and will approach the reader with a direct, short and simple language without lacking rigour, to all what the reader needs to know about Philip II and his reign. The reader will also be explained about other historical milestones that occurred during his monarchy: the revolt of the Netherlands, the battle of Lepanto, the Armada, the revolts of Aragon, and the trial to Antonio Pérez, among others.

Biography

José Miguel Cabañas Agrela is a historian specialized in the second half of the Spanish 16th century, especially in the international and political relationships during the reign of Philip II.

Fruit of his study he has published two works, participated in a biographical dictionary and works with various media.

He is the author of *Brief History of Cervantes*.



Sales pitch

- An informative essay on the most marked events in the history of Spain and Europe through the figure of Philip II, the monarch of the most extensive Empire of the West during the second half of the 16th century.

- This work will allow the reader to learn deeply about the most human aspects of an icon of his time, the ruler with more power who ruled on the greatest territory seen until his era.

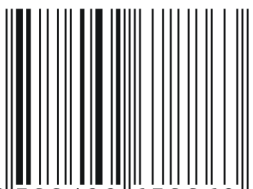
- The work explains historical events of great importance e.g.: the fight against the Turkish, the war of the Netherlands, the reasons for political decisions (war against England and the Spanish Armada,...), important aspects of Philip's II biography (imprisonment and death of his son and heir).

- This work demystifies the most widespread and erroneous ideas about the monarch; that he was obscurantist, rigid or ruthless. This work will let the reader discover oddities about his life which will help having a much more complete and correct view.

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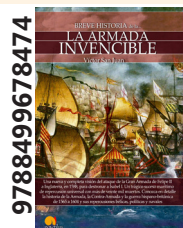


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