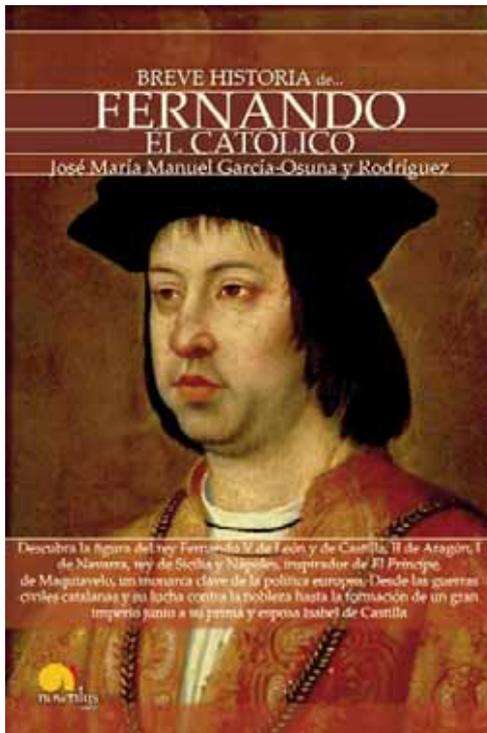


# BRIEF HISTORY OF FERDINAND THE CATHOLIC

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Discover how the figure of King Ferdinand V of Leon and Castile, II of Aragon, I of Navarre, King of Sicily and Naples, was the inspiration for Machiavelli's *The Prince* and was a key monarch within European politics of the time. Here you will learn everything, from the Catalan civil wars and his fight against the nobility to the formation of a great empire together with his cousin and wife Isabel of Castile.

## Synopsis

The son of Juan II of Aragon, Ferdinand the Catholic was an unknown King and always in the shadow of Queen Isabel I of Castile and Leon, but was a figure with his own unique personality. Together with his cousin and wife Isabel, they unified the peninsula and formed a great empire.

This book will bring you closer to the life of the King Ferdinand of Trastámara, II of Aragon, I of Navarre, V of Castile, who was called the Catholic by the Valencian Pope Alexander VI. You will also get a deeper understand of Isabel, although always from the point of view of Ferdinand, Ferdinand's fight against the nobility, his unquestionably Christian State, the Reconquista, and the search for new territories and their colonization.

*Brief History of Ferdinand the Catholic* will also help you discover his childhood, which was marked by Catalan civil wars and the political vicissitudes in which his father was involved. He was the heir of the Crown of Aragon after the death of his half-brother Charles of Viana and the heir to the Crown of Castile and Leon through his father's efforts to marry him to the Princess of Castile

## Biography

**José María Manuel García-Osuna** has degrees in medicine and humanities and holds a PhD in history. As made evident by his more than 150 published works, his 23 biographies of classical music and his numerous lectures on history, he has countless writing and public speaking experience. He belongs to various cultural associations, which include El Ateneo in Valladolid or the Spanish Association of Medical Writers and Artists.



## Sales pitch

- This represents the first informative work about Ferdinand the Catholic.
- The book presents King Ferdinand both as a monarch and great politician and as a man with a great sense of humor and the gift of gab. It emphasizes the special and decisive influence he had as a king alongside Queen Isabel.
- The author is an expert on Spanish medieval history and has made a great effort to ensure great rigor in his analysis of literary and historiographical sources.
- This brief story includes first-hand excerpts from chroniclers of the time of this great historical figure.



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