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By Hibbert, Christopher.

Constable. 1 Paperback(s), 2011. soft. Book Condition: New. The Borgias are synonymous with the corruption and ambition of Renaissance Italy, and here the author of *The Rise and Fall of the House of Medici* and *Rome: The Biography of a City* spins an "engrossing account of a famous dynasty" (Publishers Weekly). Rodrigo Borgia, known to history as Pope Alexander VI, was the voracious central figure of a dynasty notorious for seizing power, wealth, land, and titles through bribery, marriage, and murder. Christopher Hibbert also profiles two of Rodrigo's seven papal offspring: his daughter Lucrezia, variously accused of incest and poisoning, and her brother Cesare, who murdered one of Lucrezia's husbands and inspired Machiavelli's *The Prince*. "Rather more than the story of an extraordinary and vicious family, *The House Of Borgia* is an engrossing account of a country divided up into a collection of constantly warring states, of alliances made and broken and of almost unimaginable power and wealth there for the taking by those ruthless enough to let nothing stand in the way of their vaulting ambitions." *Daily Express* (London) 328.



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