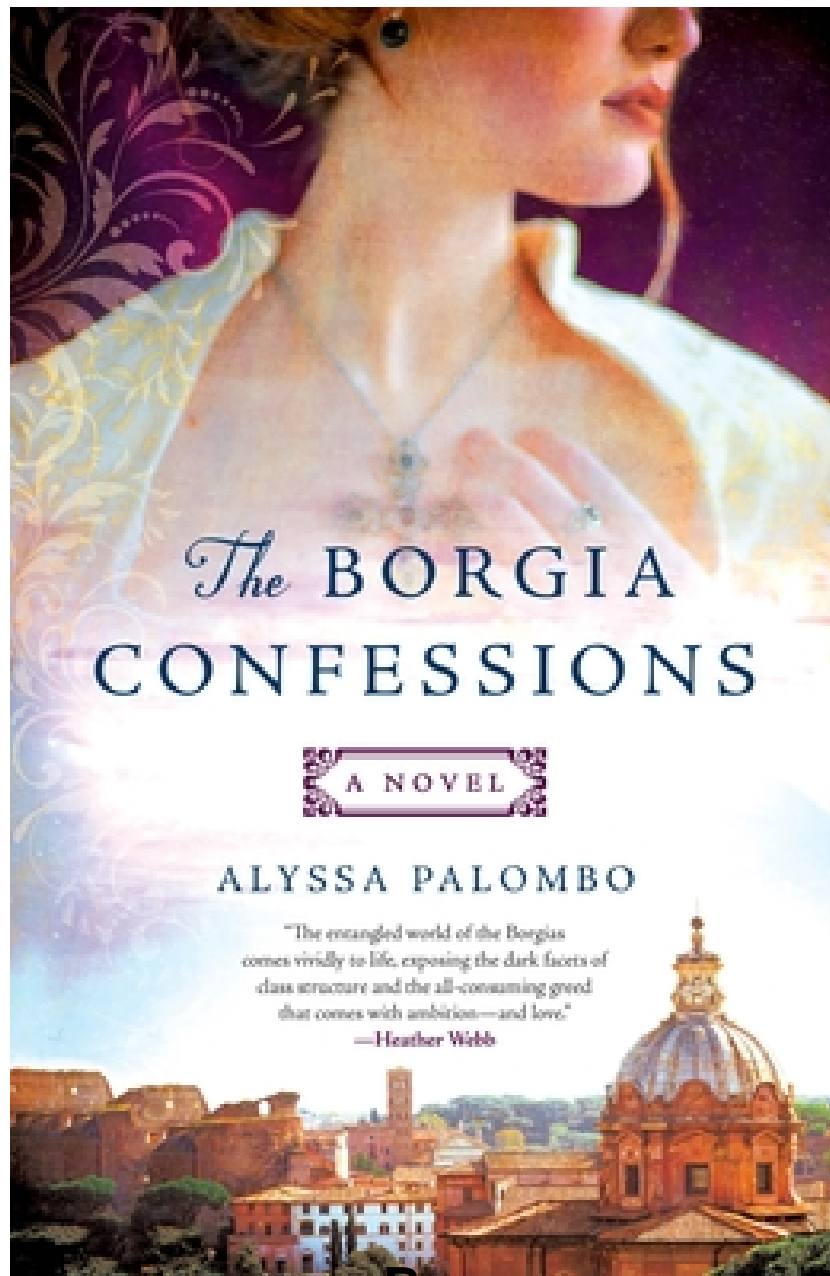


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The Borgias were a truly fascinating family, but of course, I can say that with the luxury of not living in the same time period as them. I enjoyed both Cesare and Maddalena's perspectives in the story, even if their relationship was a very, very, slow burn. A truly memorable novel!

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Jennie Damron

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I received this advance copy from the publisher in exchange for an honest review.

Annette

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Cardinal Rodrigo Borgia has been chosen as the next pope – Pope Alexander VI. And his son Cesare is now an archbishop. His daughter Lucrezia is to marry Giovanni Sforza, Lord of Pesaro.

King Charles VIII of France invades the peninsula (Italy) in order to gain back Naples. As a result counter strategy leads to signing the Holy League pact. Thus, strengthening the papal rule of Borgia. Cesare becomes less innocent and more calculating in his actions.

But ambition and lust for power take breaks, while he romances with Maddalena. This part seems a bit fake and her speaking boldly on a couple occasions. Later him, summoning her almost every night to release his tensions physically. At this point, the story is concentrated on them and the historical background of Borgias' scheming is put to rest. Also, I don't pick historical fiction to be reading about intimate pleasure scenes. Therefore for me, those scenes could be omitted.

The prophecies and speaking against the Church by Friar Savonarola put the story back on track. Then Cesare asks Maddalena to –go to Florence, to pose as a member of Savonarola's loyal following, and pass on any and all information – to him.

I wished there were more of stirring the pot by Savonarola and less of romancing. But I can see how the romance part can be appealing more to others rather than scheming.

There is one bare mention of poison, which I was expecting more of it. The Borgias are associated with poisoning, but as there is no evidence for them actually resorting to it, I understand author's choice not wanting to integrate that part into the story.

~Annabelle~

I think every book lover needs a healthy dose of family drama, politics, romance and scandal once in a while to stay book fit.

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Maddalena is one of those characters that you just find yourself constantly shaking your head and saying Maddalena quit being so stupid. In the end you don't feel sorry for her because so much of what happened, she did to herself.

Overall this is a wonderful book, and I am so glad I read it. Can't wait to read more from Palumbo's pen.