

Machiavelli: His Life and Times

By Alexander Lee

Unabridged

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DESCRIPTION

Thanks to the invidious reputation of his most famous work, *The Prince*, Niccolò Machiavelli exerts a unique hold over the popular imagination. But was Machiavelli as sinister as he is often thought to be? Might he not have been an infinitely more sympathetic figure, prone to political missteps, professional failures and personal dramas?

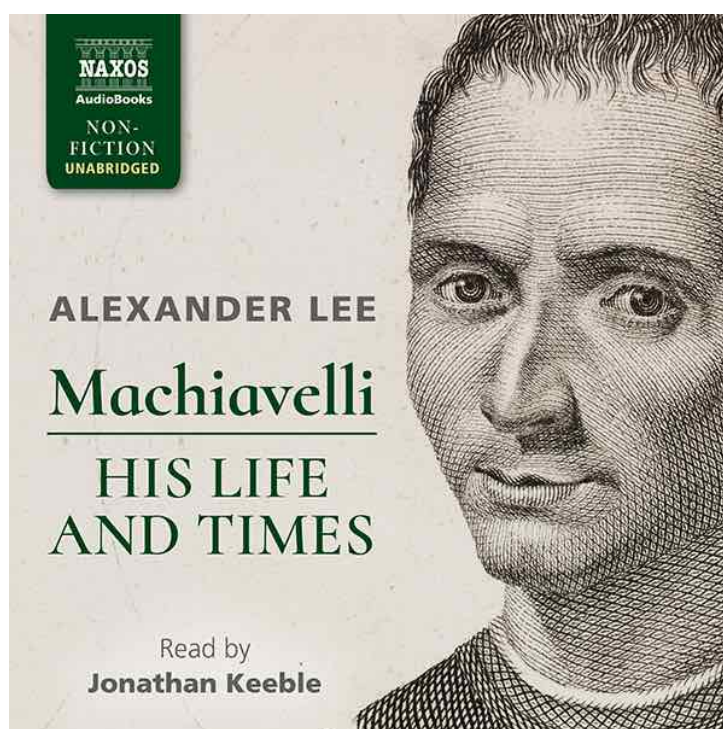
In *Machiavelli: His Life and Times*, Alexander Lee reveals the man behind the myth, following him from cradle to grave, from his father's penury and the abuse he suffered at a teacher's hands, to his marriage and his many affairs (with both men and women), to his political triumphs and, ultimately, his fall from grace and exile. In doing so, Lee uncovers hitherto unobserved connections between Machiavelli's life and thought. He also reveals the world through which Machiavelli moved: from the great halls of Renaissance Florence to the court of the Borgia pope Alexander VI, from the dungeons of the Stinche prison to the Rucellai garden, where he would begin to write some of his last great works.

As much a portrait of an age as of a uniquely engaging man, Lee's gripping and definitive biography takes the reader into Machiavelli's world - and his work - more completely than ever before.

'Alexander Lee's *Machiavelli: His Life and Times* sets a wholly new standard for English-language biographies of the Florentine thinker, synthesising recent academic research and placing his subject in a vividly described context of Renaissance society and everyday life.' **Tony Barber, *Financial Times***

SALES AND MARKETING POINTS

- A valuable addition to the Naxos biography catalogue and an excellent companion to the Naxos AudioBooks recording of Machiavelli's *The Prince*, read by Nigel Carrington.
- An outstanding reading by the prolific Jonathan Keeble.



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