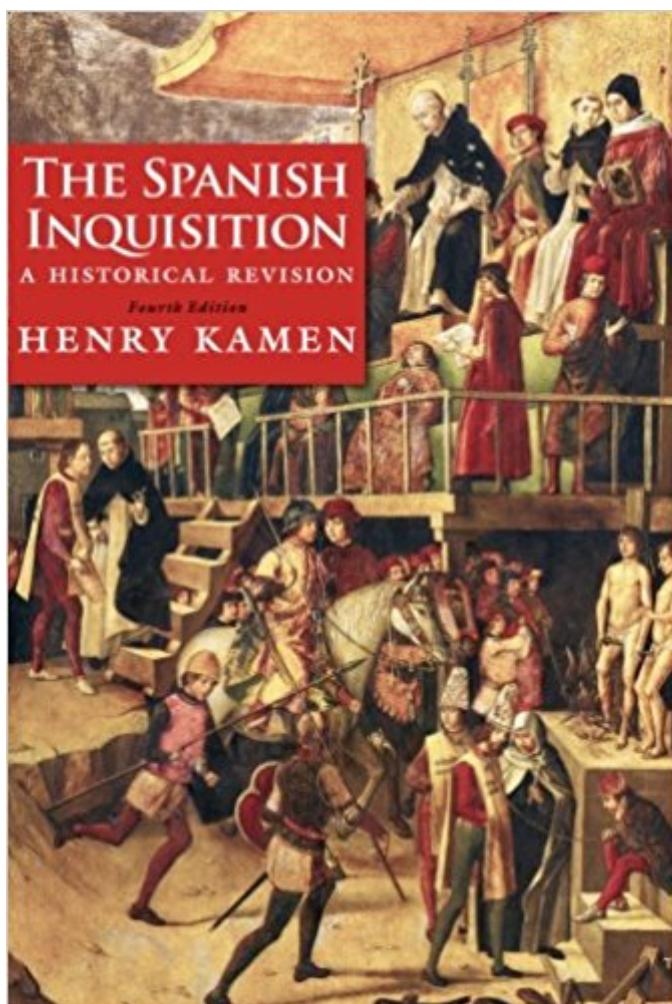


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An outstanding body of research. Should be required reading for anyone interested in the Spanish Inquisition. An excellent job of dispelling the myth surrounding this period of history.

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No problems

I really got a lot out of reading this book. It is a scholarly book, but is accessible to the general reader. Kamen takes pains to put the Spanish Inquisition within its context of historical, political, and practical spheres. Dare I use the word "balanced" to describe this portrayal of the much-maligned institution? In another field, Kamen may be considered nearly an apologist, but careful reading of the text reveals the author not so concerned with defending the Inquisition as with avoiding the calumny that has plagued other portrayals. I read this book to prepare for and as an accompaniment to a trip to Spain, and it most definitely enriched my experience of that country. I am glad Kamen took the time and care in writing such a thorough depiction of the Spanish Inquisition. Not a short or easy book, but highly recommended to those who want more than the grotesque voyeurism of most Inquisition media.

This book was shipped immediately and arrived beautifully packaged! My husband could not be happier in fact he's reading it right now!! Best book seller! Highly recommend!!!

As advertised, very good service

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