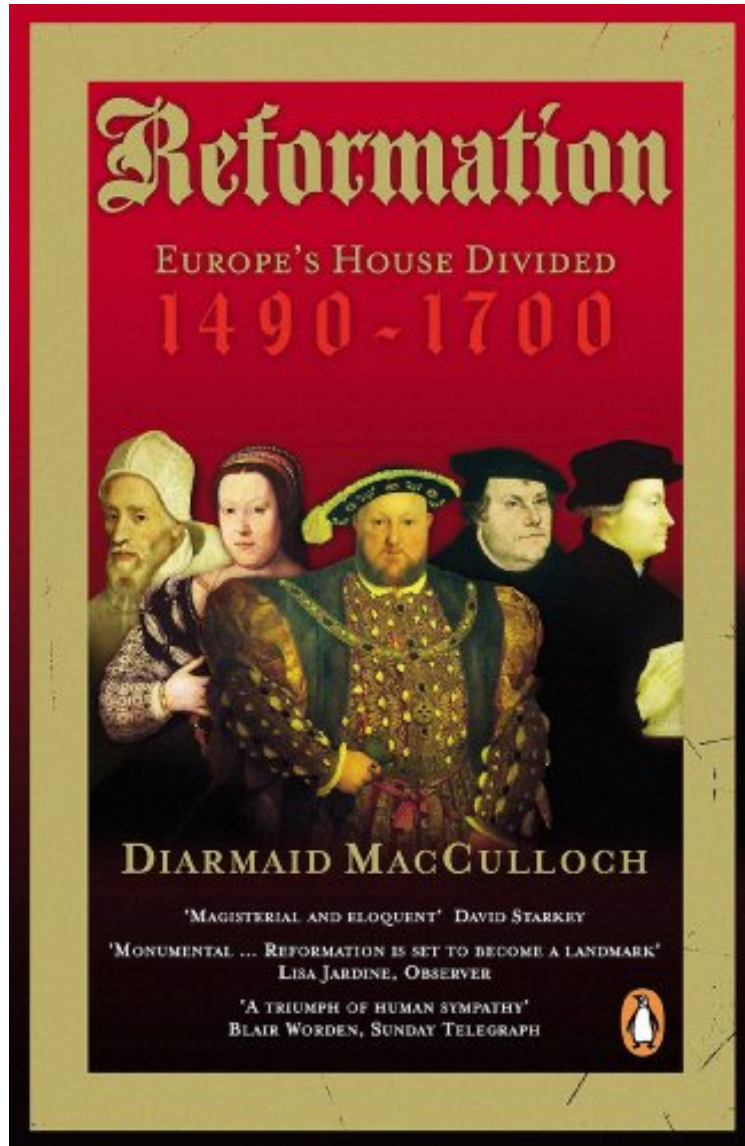


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Kurzbeschreibung The Reformation was the seismic event in European history over the past 1000 years, and one which tore the medieval world apart. Not just European religion, but thought, culture, society, state systems, personal relations - everything - was turned upside down. Just about everything which followed in European history can be traced back in some way to the Reformation and the Counter-Reformation which it provoked. The Reformation is where the modern world painfully and dramatically began, and MacCulloch's great history of it is recognised as the best modern account..de As a historical document Diarmaid MacCulloch's 750-page narrative Reformation: Europe's House Divided 1490-1700 has all the key ingredients. MacCulloch, a professor of history at the Church of Oxford University, is an articulate and vibrant writer with a strong guiding intelligence. The structure is sensible, starting with the main characters who influenced reforms, then spreads out to the regional concerns and social intellectual themes of the era. He even fast forwards into American Christianity--showing how this historical era influences modern times. MacCulloch has written what is widely considered to be the authoritative account of the Reformation--a critical juncture in the history of Christianity. "It is impossible to understand modern Europe without understanding these 16th-century upheavals in Latin Christianity" he writes. "They represented the greatest fault line to appear in Christian culture since the Latin and Greek halves of the Roman Empire went their separate ways a thousand years before; they produced a house divided." The resulting split between the Catholics and Protestants still divides Christians throughout the Western world. It affects interpretations of the Bible, beliefs about baptisms, and even how much authority is given to religious leaders. The division even fuels an ongoing war. What makes MacCulloch's account rise above previous attempts to interpret the Reformation is the breadth of his research. Rather than limit his narrative to the actions of key theologians and leaders of the era--Luther, Zingli, Calvin, Loyola, Cranmer, Henry VIII and numerous popes--MacCulloch sweeps his narrative across the culture, politics and lay people of Renaissance Western Europe. This broad brush approach touches upon many fascinating discussions surrounding the Reformation, including his belief that the Latin Church was probably not as "corrupt and ineffective" as Protestants tend to portray it. In fact, he asserts that it "generally satisfied the spiritual needs of the late medieval people." MacCulloch is a top-notch historian--he uncovers material and theories that will seem fresh and inspired to Reformation scholars as well as lay readers. --Gail Hudson, .com Pressestimmen Praise for The Reformation This isnt merely a history of the Reformation, but rather the history. One would be hard put to imagine a more detailed, even-handed, clearly written account of the religious controversies of the sixteenth century.... The Reformation is a learned, enlightening, and disturbing masterwork. Michael Dirda, The Washington Post Book World Richly encyclopedic... MacCulloch brings the history of the Reformation into vivid focus, providing what must surely be the best general account available. Financial Times Monumental... The Reformation is set to become a landmark. Lisa Jardine, The Observer Handled here with brilliance, this is the kind of history that normally gives even academic historians vertigo. The Economist Deserves to become the standard history of early modern Europe religion and its legacy, synthesizing and assessing a quarter-century of international scholarship... Like the best of historians, he helps us to understand why we are; and why we need not be so. Ronald Hutton, The Independent Wide-ranging, richly layered and captivating... This spectacular intellectual history reminds us that the Reformation grew out of the Renaissance, and provides a compelling glimpse of the cultural currents that formed the background to reform. MacCullochs magisterial book should become the definitive history of the Reformation. Publishers Weekly (starred review) A masterpiece of readable scholarship... In its field it is the best book ever written. David Edwards, The Guardian From Politics to witchcraft, from the liturgy to sex; the sweep of European history covered here is breathtakingly panoramic. This is a model work of history. Noel Malcolm, Sunday Telegraph Excellent... There are moments of sheer pleasure.... MacCullochs well-paced style makes the book seem half its length. Felipe Fernandez-Armesto, The Sunday Times