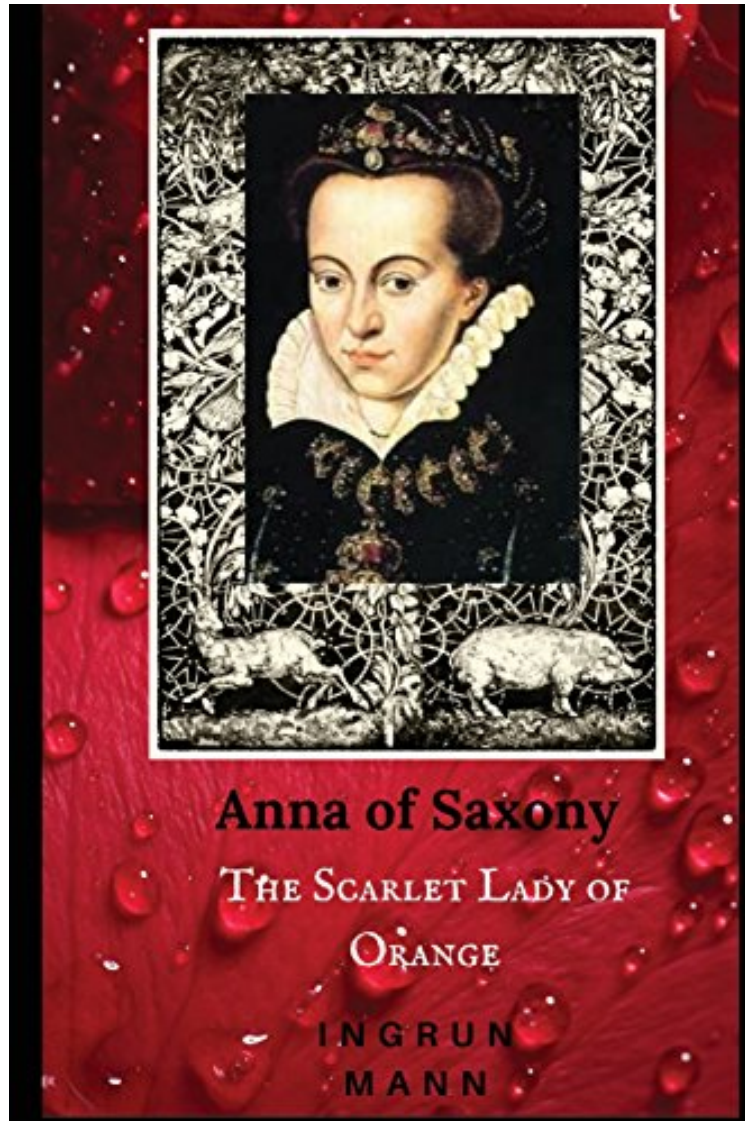


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of mind: just when the reader is convinced Anna is completely insane, Ms. Mann shows a sudden, deliberate self-awareness in her "madness", leaving us to thank God, we did not grow up during Anna's time and sympathizing with her behavior to maximum effect. Well done!!!1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A fascinating look at the life and times of a Renaissance era German PrincessBy Amy PThe author tutors our kids in German and I'm a history major so was super excited when I heard that Ingrun had written a book on a German royal. Even though we are super impressed with Ingrun (the author), Anna of Saxony exceeded my expectations because it is a fascinating look at the life of a European royal in what I perceive to be a lesser known time in European history, the 1500's, and from the lesser known viewpoint of a woman and a special woman at that. I also can say that I don't believe that I've ever read a book as well researched as this one and find myself constantly wondering how there was so much available information on an obscure German princess from 450 years ago and how interesting her life and times truly were. You really see how Anna of Saxony, one person, lived and loved in this era and you also have an illuminating view of the politics and intrigues of the time so you're getting both a biography and a revealing lesson in European history. I know it's a select group of people interested in this detail and era of European history, but if you're one of them, I HIGHLY recommend you purchase this book.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Reads like a historical fiction novelBy Team DisorientedI primarily read fiction; however, after I heard about the story of Anna of Saxony, I decided I would give this nonfiction book a try. I picked up the book expecting to find plenty of factual data but not necessarily a captivating story. To say the least, I was pleasantly surprised to actually find myself eager to read paragraph after paragraph because the book read like a historical fiction novel. I was quite entertained with the author's story-telling skills regarding Anna's life as well as her ability to surround this account with relevant and interesting historical information.

In the early 1570s, Anna of Saxony (1544-77), second wife of the Dutch nobleman and rebel leader William of Orange, set Europe's noble courts ablaze with one of the sixteenth century's most sensational scandals. Although destined to a life of fabulous riches on the side of her glamorous husband, Anna failed to find happiness as political reversals and revolution in the Low Countries led to near destitution and a profound marital crisis. The embittered princess embarked on a love affair with the father of one of the age's greatest painters and gave birth to an illegitimate child. Anna's dramatic tale concludes with her descent into madness and subsequent death in solitary confinement. Anna of Saxony is not merely a gothic tale of a poor little rich girl who lost her heart and then her mind. It is also the story of the Dutch Revolt against the Spanish amidst the backdrop of the Protestant Reformation. Several chapters of this engrossing biography are therefore devoted to William of Orange's military and intelligence tactics, his monumental efforts to repel a foreign occupation force as well as his eventual assassination by a Spanish agent. The first English biography of a troubled royal existence filled with drama worthy of the court of Henry VIII, Anna of Saxony breaks new ground in uncovering the little known tale of a sixteenth-century noblewoman who dared to defy convention and renounce the strictures of gender. The reader becomes engrossed in the story, impressed with Ingrun Mann's meticulous research, convinced by her psychological hypotheses about Anna and the people around her. In particular, she does a wonderful job interpreting Anna's affair with Jan Rubens. She builds up the circumstances in a way that increases suspense and momentum. That's a talent all readers will appreciate. In this closely reasoned and finely sifted, detailed work, the reader always wants to see what happens next. That's a rare quality in so sensitive a biography. The reader comes away informed and entertained.

"This meticulously researched and vividly narrated biography reads like a novel. The author dramatizes sixteenth-century European aristocratic marriage, family practices, and women's roles in the tumultuous era of the Reformation." Gail L. Bernstein, Professor Emerita of History, The University of Arizona, and author of *Haruko's World, Recreating Japanese Women, and Isami's House* "The reader becomes engrossed in the story, impressed with Ingrun Mann's meticulous research, convinced by her psychological hypotheses about Anna and the people around her. In this closely reasoned and finely sifted, detailed work, the reader always wants to see what happens next. That's a rare quality in so sensitive a biography." Alan E. Bernstein, Professor Emeritus, The University of Arizona, and author of *The Formation of Hell* About the Author Ingrun Mann was born in Germany and lives in the United States. After a career as a political analyst, she is now a lecturer of history at Northwest Florida State College.