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Review

By setting the author of *The Prince* in his historical context, **Christopher Celenza** captures the brilliance, risk-taking, danger, and sheer exuberant delight of the Italian Renaissance. With particular sensitivity to the precise nuances of Machiavelli's language, Celenza enables us to seize upon what continues to be relevant in his work to our own time and place. (Stephen Greenblatt, author of *The Swerve: How the World Became Modern*)

Celenza's Machiavelli is a man passionately engaged in history, a scholar of the past whose interests run from the remote annals of ancient Rome to the tormented chronicles of early modern Italy, and an unflaggingly committed participant in the events of his own time. The result is a singularly humane portrait of a wise man making his way through what was often a cruel, chaotic world. (Ingrid Rowland, University of Notre Dame)

A brief, erudite exposition of the Florentine secretary's mores and intentions. In this accessible work, **Celenza** explores why Machiavelli's *The Prince* continues to enthrall readers and how the author's other, less-well-known works, such as his comedies, can help enrich the way we understand him...A compelling portrait of the life of a man 'subject to and involved in history, who believed...that by interpreting the past sagely, one could act more fruitfully in the present.' (*Kirkus Reviews* 2014-12-01)

Both readable and trustworthy. (Steve Donoghue *Open Letters Monthly* 2015-02-15)

Machiavellian. The very word calls up images of plots, daggers and devious minds. **Christopher Celenza** separates the man from the melodrama. (Steven Carroll *Sydney Morning Herald* 2015-02-21)

Demonstrates how Machiavelli's thoughts on conflict and leadership are relevant to today's political world. (L. B. Gimelli *Choice* 2015-10-01)

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