



Margaret of Anjou: Queenship and Power in Late Medieval England (Paperback)

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Boydell Brewer Ltd, United Kingdom, 2005. Paperback. Condition: New. Revised ed.. Language: English . Brand New Book. Margaret of Anjou was a vengeful and violent woman, or so we have been told, whose vindictive spirit fuelled the fifteenth-century dynastic conflict, the Wars of the Roses. In Shakespeare s rendering she becomes an adulterous queen who mocks her captive enemy, Richard, duke of York, before killing him in cold blood. Shakespeare s portrayal has proved to be remarkably resilient, because Margaret s queenship lends itself to such an assessment. In 1445, at the age of fifteen, she was married to the ineffectual Henry VI, a move expected to ensure peace with France and an heir to the throne. Eight years later, while she was in the later stages of her only pregnancy, Henry suffered a complete mental collapse that left him catatonic for roughly a year and a half: Margaret came to the political forefront. In the aftermath of the king s illness, she became an indefatigable leader of the Lancastrian loyalists in their struggle against their Yorkist opponents. Margaret s exercise of power was always fraught with difficulty: as a woman, her effective power was dependent upon her invocation of...



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