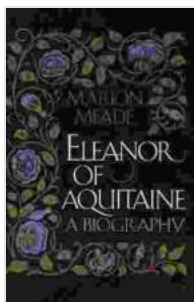


Eleanor of Aquitaine: A Woman of Two Worlds

Eleanor of Aquitaine was one of the most powerful and influential women in the Middle Ages. She was Queen of France for 15 years and Queen of England for 37 years. She was also the Duchess of Aquitaine, one of the largest and richest fiefdoms in France. Eleanor was a skilled diplomat and politician, and she played a major role in the politics of both France and England. She was also a patron of the arts and learning, and she founded several monasteries and abbeys.



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Eleanor was born in 1122 in Poitiers, France. She was the eldest daughter of William X, Duke of Aquitaine, and Aenor de Châtelleraut. Eleanor was a beautiful and intelligent child, and she was educated in the arts of courtly love and chivalry. In 1137, at the age of 15, she married Louis VII of France. The marriage was not a happy one, and Eleanor was eventually annulled in 1152.

In 1154, Eleanor married Henry II of England. The marriage was a political alliance, but it was also a love match. Eleanor and Henry had eight children together, including five sons who would all become kings of England. Eleanor was a powerful and influential figure in Henry's court, and she played a major role in the government of England. She was also a patron of the arts and learning, and she founded several monasteries and abbeys.

Eleanor died in 1204 at the age of 82. She was buried at Fontevraud Abbey in France. Eleanor was a remarkable woman who lived a long and eventful life. She was a queen, a duchess, a diplomat, a politician, a patron of the arts, and a founder of monasteries and abbeys. She was also a woman of great beauty, intelligence, and strength. Eleanor of Aquitaine is a fascinating and inspiring figure, and her story is one that continues to captivate people today.

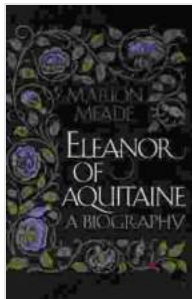
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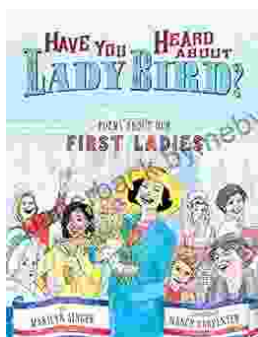
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