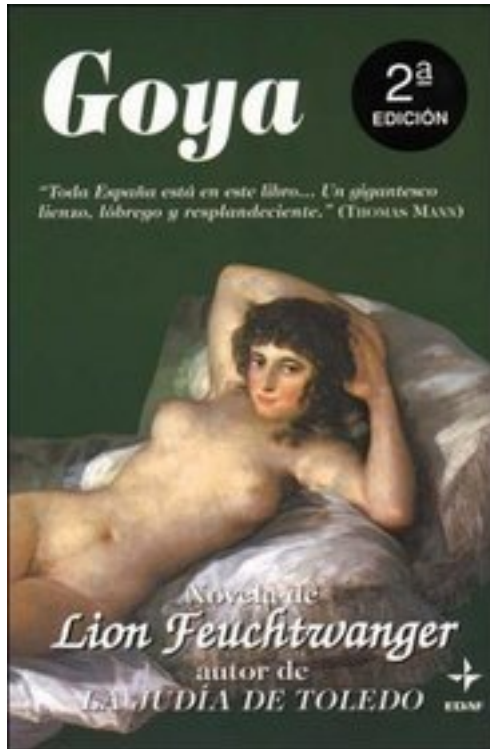

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Description

An historical fiction about the life of Francisco Goya

Insightful reviews

Groovie Zen: A good read, very interesting insight on Spain of the French revolution times

Tim Weed: This is an utterly enjoyable book, certainly one the best historical novels ever written about Spain or about the lives of famous painters. Feuchtwanger transports the reader to late 18th century Madrid and into the inner workings of the Spanish court. He does an excellent job with the very ambitious task of recreating the deeply conflicted inner world of a great artist, and he captures the spirit and character of Goya in a way that is both plausible and compelling. Especially well done is Goya's preoccupation with demons, madness, and inner darkness. One suspects that Feuchtwanger was a Jungian, but even if he wasn't he certainly had an admirable understanding of the human psyche; Goya takes on his Shadow aspects directly through his more horrific engravings and paintings but remains a great lover of life, of theatre and music and the sensory details of color and texture and clothing, and especially of women. This is a living, breathing Goya, one we recognize instinctually, and Feuchtwanger's genius is to bring him to life in the course of a dramatic, page-turning narrative.

Feuchtwanger does a particularly good job of getting into the mind of the painter as he creates some of his greatest works; I found myself looking up many of Goya's familiar paintings and appreciating them in an entirely new light. The character portraits of Carlos IV, Maria Luisa, and Manuel Godoy are utterly believable, the 18th century Spanish struggle between the forces of enlightenment and conservatism (as represented by a reinvigorated Inquisition) is convincingly laid out, and the love story between the artist and the Duchess of Alba is particularly compelling. There is much a novelist could learn from this book in terms of how to fashion a love story that is almost unbearably sweet while at the same time dramatic and filled with raging conflict.

One could complain that one of the most dramatically rich aspects of Goya's life is left out: the Napoleonic invasion and occupation of Madrid, which resulted in two of Goya's greatest paintings. But I am inclined to bow to Feuchtwanger's preference in this regard; the truth is that if you opened that can of worms it might lead to another book entirely, though I must say it is a book I would love to read. There are a few glaring inaccuracies or at least questionable suppositions in the book, such as who really was the model for the naked and clothed Majas, but in the scheme of things these are minor flaws.

The fact is, this is an extremely compelling and dramatic account of one of history's greatest painters living at the heart of events in the fascinating twilight years of the Spanish empire. I learned a great deal from reading this fiction that would have been impossible to know from a straight read of the historical record. This is a feat that only the best of historical novels can achieve, and I would definitely put this novel near the top of that category. Highly recommended.

Lidia: It was life altering book for me. I still have my first paper issue of it among few paper books that I kept somewhat over 25 years.

Olya: soooo loooong! and contemplating how little is basically identified approximately Goya's life, all started wondering every little thing during this book. Plus, no longer a unmarried sympathetic personality made it appear even looooonger!

Thomas: no greater booklet on Goya's Spain has ever been written

Alexandra: Die Affäre Goyas mit der Herzogin von Alba steht im Mittelpunkt des Romans

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