

NICCOLÒ'S SMILE

A Biography of Machiavelli



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Florence
Begin book -
Story of Heaven and Hell

a Dominican Friar →
condemned corruption
in Catholic Church.
killed 1498
NM was 29 at time
"profoundly corrupt
papal court"

28 May 1498 -
NM begin public
nominal secretary of
the second Chancery (P28)
the Ten of Liberty and Peace
he was the secretary
Caterina - who was she
what impact on M.
Pisano hated Florentines

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b 3 May 1469 d. 21 Jun 1527

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What was Lorenzillo

The Medici - who were they - power absolute after 1434

Lorenzo the Magnificent - a Medici

Savonarola's sermons - Nicolo - early twenties

Cause of Italy's was not fault of Italian

Lorenzo dies 1492

Five Italian States

Enter French King Charles VIII - and 40,000 soldiers

The Great Council - est. 22 Dec 1494 - must be 29 yrs old
3000 members choose Council of Eighty - must be 40 yrs old

M.'s father's death 10 May 1500 / also sister

Primeviera died while M. was in France at same time

Who was the Signori

M.'s tells Cardinal how to take possession of other lands.
4 steps p 46.

1501 - returned to Florence from France - married -

Marionetta Corsini / he continued as an infidel

Only one letter survives p 50

the Borgias known as Duke Valentino

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His chief passions ① love of women p214
② desire to achieve great things
for Florence and Italy.

How much did he want to be elected to office?

Sodom - p163
passions
desires
pleasures

he was playful in
sex and love
strict with public law

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P 206
About the papacy - he was merciless
didn't listen to sermons
Human - fear of God had beneficial effects

M. session with an "old bawd" P 109

Mach. conquered Pisa in 1509

7 November 1512 - M. informed he was no
longer Secretary of Second Chancery
he put in prison - tortured (P 157)

~~Different forms of behavior may sometimes
lead to exactly the same results P 93~~

He was fascinated by the power of love (P 175)

Council of Eighty
the Great Council
the Ten of Liberty and Peace

History — Discourses P102

Rome — political wisdom

1517 — He joined frequent gatherings of younger men to talk history, philosophy etc. — the importance of the History of Rome he was 50

① duty to teach others good

Rome vs Venice what's the difference

What's alone he did & get credited for Discourses
he cared deeply about being respected

Sons — Bernardo and Lodovico ^{17th 1520} ^{daughter} Baccino
_{son Guido}

May 4, 1519 — Lorenzo de' Medici died

Cardinal de' Medici came up from Rome to take Florence in hand

M. had been waiting for 8 yrs. —

The Mandrake — a comedy

Wrote about Lucca

How poor was M.

What about the Turks — what was the threat

He was kind to write the History of Florence

What was the status of Roman Catholic Church,
Italian Pope vs. French

What did we think of the church -

Was he a commoner vs. the aristocrats

Pope Alexander VI dies 1492

new Pope Julius II owed election to Spanish Cardinal

What is a - gonfalonier for life

M wanted an army for Florence (or a militia) - might
well change the future of Italy

Florence had everything to lose from open warfare
between King of France and the Pope

Sack of Prato - marked end of Florentine Republic
Spanish - killed raped etc.

Sack of Rome

M
Perception of M. because of Brims was
that he was "an evil man" a heretic and
an advisor to tyrants
preferred to go to Hell to discuss politics than
to Heaven with its blessed and saints

~~Books~~

Discourses

The art of War

Florentine Histories

The Prince

First Decennial

Italy

Venice

the Pope

the Great Council

Cesare Borgia

King of France

Duke Valentino

Palazzo Vecchio

Francesco Vettori - a friend

~~Guiding~~
Pier Soderini

his old
political
mentor