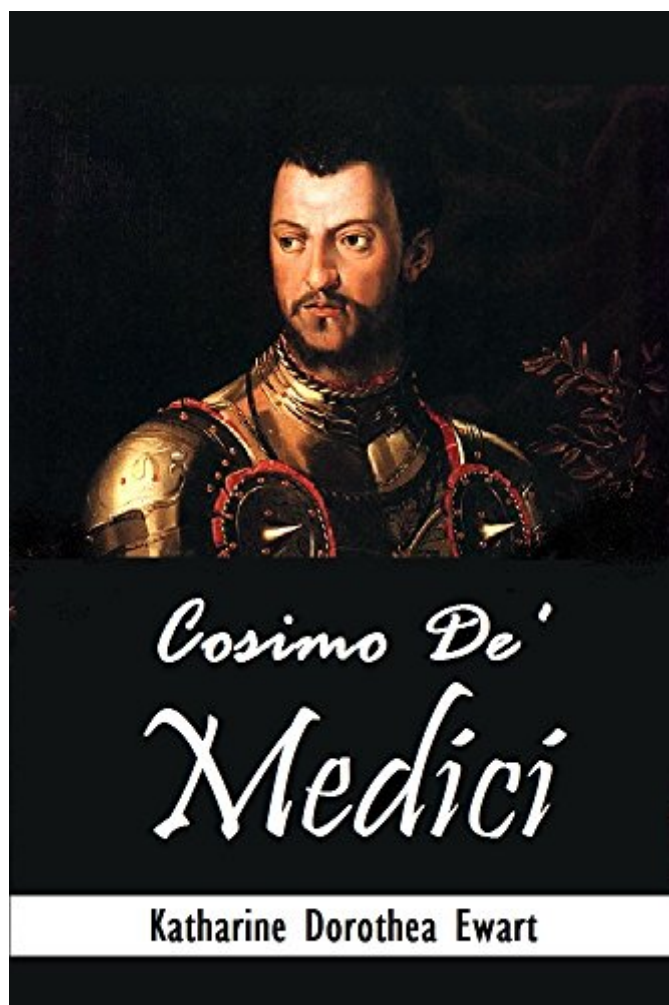


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In her 1899 book, "Cosimo De' Medici," Katharine Dorothea Ewart (1872-1955) brings to life the true story of Cosimo, who in the early Fifteenth Century found himself suddenly at the helm of his extremely wealthy banking dynasty. "The House of Medici" was an Italian banking family, political dynasty and later royal house that first began to gather prominence under Cosimo de' Medici in the Republic of Florence during the first half of the 15th century. The Medici Bank was one of the most prosperous and most respected institutions in Europe. There are some estimates that the Medici family were the wealthiest family in Europe for a time. From this base, they acquired political power initially in Florence and later in wider Italy and Europe. Interestingly, the life of Cosimo is of such great interest that it has spawned a modern TV series: "Medici: Masters of Florence" is a television drama series about the Medici dynasty set in 15th century Florence, starring Dustin Hoffman as Giovanni di Bicci de' Medici, Richard Madden as Cosimo de' Medici, and Stuart Martin as Lorenzo de' Medici (The Elder). The series was co-created by Frank Spotnitz (The X-Files and Man in the High Castle) and Nicholas Meyer (Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan). Sergio Mimica-Gezzan (The Pillars of the Earth) directed all eight episodes. Episodes 1 and 2 aired on Rai 1 (Italian TV) on 18 October 2016. According to Italian ratings compiler Auditel, it attracted a record 7.6 million viewers. The first season consists of eight episodes. The show has been renewed for a second season. It is broadcast in several countries around the world, on SFR's premium SVOD service Zive in France and Sky 1 in Germany. Netflix carries the show in the US, Canada, Argentina on Fox Premium, the UK, Ireland, and India.

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