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**\*Starred Review\*** Founded by bedraggled refugees fleeing the same barbarian invasions that brought the glorious Roman Empire to a close, Venice is a city most of us know for its art and architecture but of whose long, unique history few of us are aware. From its humble beginnings, Venice rose to a position of a naval and economic power as well as a great cultural and intellectual innovator. The Venetian republic, a model for our own, established extensive trading networks, became a maritime juggernaut, and endured the ravages of plague only to see its power gradually eclipsed by the Ottoman Turks and meet its ultimate demise at the hands of a French army. Stepping outside of his usual focus on the Crusades (The New Concise History of the Crusades, 2005), Madden paints a vivid portrait of “a city without land, an empire without borders.” His engaging work enters a sparse historiography that includes John Julius Norwich’s enduring *A History of Venice* (1982) and Roger Crowley’s *City of Fortune* (2012) and separates itself by offering a readable overview backed by solid research. Readers will come away from Madden’s *Venice* with newfound respect for one of the great jewels of Western civilization. --Brian Odom

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“A lively and lucid survey of Venice's colorful history.”—*The Seattle Times*

“A savory, tantalizing, but not-so-serene history of *La Serenissima*.”—*Publishers Weekly*

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#### About the Author

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