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#### Review

The most readable and by far the most illuminating biography to date of Callas the woman...Compulsive and convincing reading (*The Times (UK)*, (*London*))

The author has entered the complex and contradictory mind of Maria Callas in an extraordinary way, and the result is a powerful story told movingly yet without exaggeration. It is unquestionably an important book, and surely the finest biography of Callas ever written. (John Ardoin, Author of *The Callas Legacy*)

*She will have the people of California in her heart. I know that because I experienced it.* (Pauline Lubens San Jose Mercury News)

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