

Memoirs of Helene Kottanner (1439-1440)

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The Memoirs of Helene Kottanner (1439)

This is her first-person account of the part she played in the theft of the holy crown of St Stephen from the treasury of the royal stronghold Visegrad on 20 February, 1440, when the crown was smuggled out of the stronghold hidden in a pillow.

The Memoirs of Helene Kottanner by Maya Bijvoet Williamson

The book provides a first hand account that add colour and detail to a series of important historical events that make them surprisingly accessible despite being from almost 600 years ago. Helene Kottanner was servant and confidante of the widowed Queen Elizabeth of Hungary 1409-1442.

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This is a story about a woman who was nanny to Queen Elizabeth of Hungary in the

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and roles of women in the middle ages, without ever actually getting around to saying much. I cannot really speak to the quality of scholarship in the book, but I would recommend that the lay reader skim the foreword, enjoy the memoirs and skip the afterword altogether.

early 1400's. I would believe that Helene being there would be the most reliable source and maybe the people who translated into English didn't understand exactly what Helene was saying or trying to say.

The Memoirs of Helene Kottanner by Maya Bijvoet Williamson

Helene was a loyal servant and by the Queen's side while caring for the baby boy Ladislaus with her life. . This is a true story and well written.

The Memoirs of Helene Kottanner by Maya Bijvoet Williamson

That said, I found the work to be a memoir of a fascinating set of episodes in a medieval woman's life, translated in a workmanlike--but generally flat--fashion by Williamson. The foreword provides a bit of historical context for those without an intimate knowledge of the political situation in fifteenth-century Hungary, while the extensive afterword delves into the lives

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