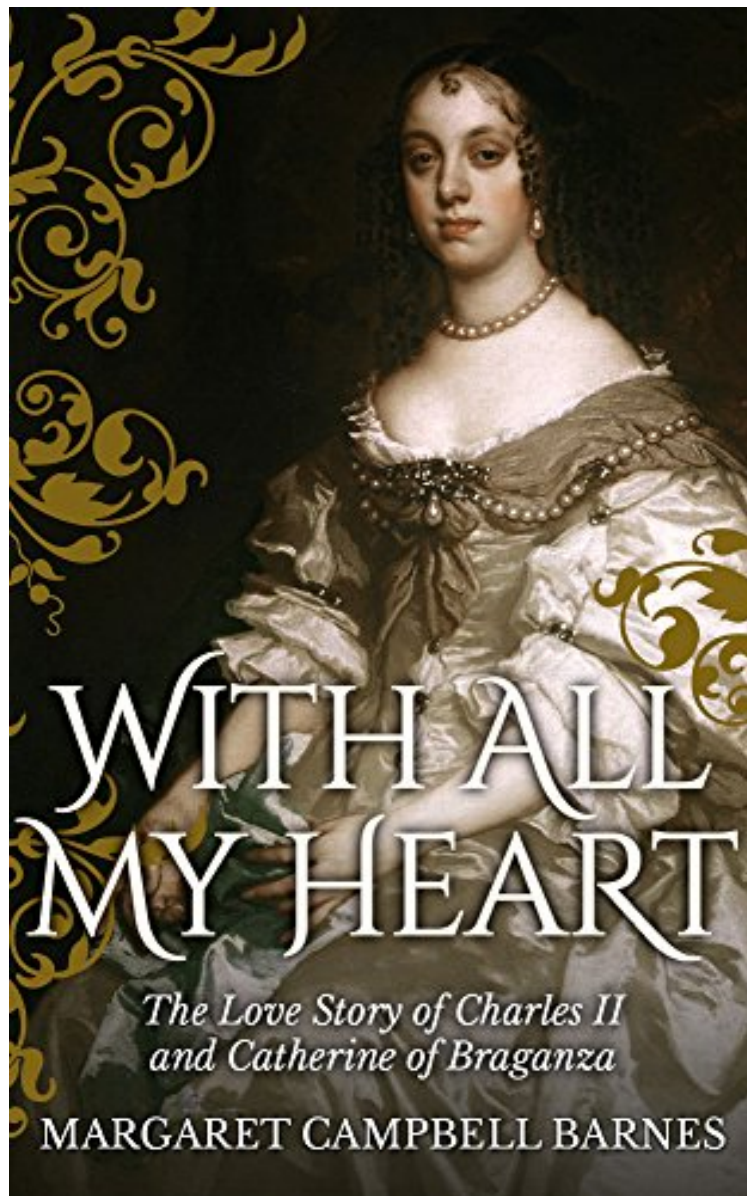


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the marriage would keep Spain from Portugal's shores. In return, Charles II was promised a large sum of ready money. The fact that Catherine was Catholic and Charles was a Protestant in a Protestant country was not a bar to their marriage. This was no storybook marriage, as Charles II was a notorious philanderer noted for his long term affair with Lady Barbara Castelmaine, a woman with whom he had a number of out of wedlock children. This would cause Catherine great heartache, especially as she would ultimately prove to be barren. Still, Charles II and Catherine were eventually to achieve an affection and respect for each other that would enable Charles II to disregard the importuning of his advisers to set aside his barren, Catholic, Portuguese wife and marry another. This is an interesting account of the relationship of Charles II and Catherine of Braganza, set across the backdrop of the Restoration, as well as the religious strife and political upheavals of the day. Although primarily historical fiction, there is an element of romance to the book. Those who like romantic historical fiction will certainly enjoy this book.

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But she proved to be a woman of passionate integrity, and from the moment she set eyes on the darkly handsome King Charles she continued to love him utterly. Eventually she managed to hold her own with dignity and courage even when challenged by the ensnaring beauty and ruthless ambition of women like Lady Castelmaine. Charles, who was unaccustomed to such intense loyalty, loved Catherine in all her fiery innocence. As her strength and understanding grew, she withstood the rivalry of dazzling courtesans, fanatical accusations about her religious beliefs and the strain of failing to produce an heir. And eventually, she discovered how secure, after all, were the foundations of her ill-fated marriage, realising that the cunning nature of women like Lady Castelmaine could never come between the love of her and her husband. When her own future was in danger, Catherine found a defender in Charles. 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