Sultan’s Favorites Have
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Foreword

A girl sits beside a heavy wooden table in a small room. She is 15 years old and she has been through the liasonry of a brand new era. She had grown up and become a young woman in a world where women’s roles had been dramatically altered. She was now a part of the world of the sultan’s favorites, known as the harem. Her name is Roxelana, and she is the daughter of an Ottoman general who had been captured and brought to Constantinople as a slave. She was taken to the sultan’s court and became his favorite concubine.

Roxelana was a remarkable woman. She was intelligent, beautiful, and charismatic, and she quickly rose to become one of the most powerful women in the Ottoman empire. She was a key figure in many of the sultan’s political and military decisions, and she was able to influence the sultan’s actions in a way that few others could.

The harem was a complex and highly stratified system of women who lived within the walls of the Topkapi Palace in Constantinople. The sultan was the ruler of the harem, and he had the power to choose his favorite concubines, or kadins, from among the women who lived within the walls. Roxelana was one of the sultan’s favorites, and she was able to use her position to influence the sultan’s decisions and to gain power and influence for herself.

Roxelana was a shrewd politician, and she was able to use her position to gain power and influence for herself and for the Ottoman empire. She was able to persuade the sultan to let her become the sultan valide, or ruler of the harem and of the sultan’s empire, and she was able to use her position to influence the sultan’s decisions and to gain power and influence for herself.

Roxelana was a key figure in the history of the Ottoman empire, and her story is one of power and intrigue, of love and betrayal, of politics and religion. Her life was a testament to the power of women, and her story is one that is still relevant today.

The Inside Story of the Turkish Harem

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In 1997, the author’s herstory, "The Inside Story of the Turkish Harem," was published. It is a historical account of the lives of the sultan’s favorites, or kadins, in the Ottoman Empire. The book provides an inside look at the lives of these women, who were chosen by the sultan to be his favorites and who were given positions of power and influence within the sultan’s harem.

The book is divided into several parts, each focusing on a different aspect of the lives of the sultan’s favorites. The first part of the book provides a general overview of the harem and its history, while the second part focuses on the lives of individual favorites, including Roxelana, the sultan’s favorite, and Hurrem, the sultan’s valide.

The book is a fascinating read for anyone interested in the history of the Ottoman Empire and the lives of its women. It provides a unique perspective on the lives of the sultan’s favorites, and it is a testament to the power of women and their ability to influence the course of history.

The book was well-received, and it received positive reviews from both critics and readers. It is a must-read for anyone interested in the history of the Ottoman Empire and the lives of its women.