

In a time when Queen Elizabeth I has been revitalized onscreen, finally a biography comes along that captures her fierce spirit and a fascinating period of her long reign. *The Pirate Queen* (Harper Collins, \$26.95 SRP) details the brilliant financial and logistical mind that built the foundations of a globe-spanning empire, and the merchant-adventurers in her employ that found ways both daring and heavy-handed to span that globe.



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