



This Reviewer's romantic idea of how Michael da Montelupo might have looked.

THE GENTLE INFIDEL
By
Lawrence Scoonover
From Our Vintage Collection



To close a book, having just read the last word with the desire to begin again on page one, is a rare experience indeed.

Then, to find yourself searching the internet for information regarding the historical fiction storyline and learn that the author's research was impeccable--is immensely satisfying.

Not only is "The Gentle Infidel," by Lawrence Scoonover, a treasure trove of one of the major historical events in history, but the author skillfully shows you the place, the room, the event, and you feel as if you are there—seeing it first-hand.

There are two protagonists in this work: the first, who is the underlying influence of the life and decisions of the main protagonist, which is Michael da Montelupo, his son.

This author's character development takes you, the reader, straightaway into the very room where the action is taking place.

There, you find the narrative comes alive as to be almost audible.

You get to be that proverbial, "fly on the wall, a witness, if you will, to the unfolding events leading up, and through, [the sack](#) of Constantinople on May 29, 1453.

You get to be there and then be left wondering what the world would be like today if the Turks had not been able to take down the very heart of Christendom on that long-ago day.

Below is a link to a short video from YouTube that you may find fun to watch when you get to that part in the book where this particular action takes place, but I beg you—**do not** ruin the book for yourself by going there prematurely.

Stay with the storyline and enjoy owning and reading this excellent book. You will never be sorry. It has all the elements of "The Best!"

Sincerely,
Shari Lee Beynon
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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jQ37zhk9i3o>