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Review

'lively and informative study of the life of Cavour'

History

'A lively analysis xxx; The chapters on Cavourian diplomacy are succinct; especially well informed in one analysing Cavour's fate over the years at the hands of historians.'

Choice

From the Back Cover

Born in Turin in 1810, Cavour abandoned an early military career because of his uncomfortable liberal opinions, to concentrate initially on restoring his family estates. After travels in France and England, he was drawn increasingly into the politics of his native Piedmont-then a backward and insignificant state, still reeling from comprehensive military defeat by Austria, the major occupying power of northern Italy. In 1852 he became its prime minister.

About the Author

The late Harry Header, who died in 1996, was a Professor at the University of Wales. His many publications on European and Italian history include *Europe in the Nineteenth Century*, 2nd edition (1988) and *Italy in the Age of the Risorgimento* (1983).

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