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Error rating book. Refresh and try again. Open Preview See a Problem? Details if other The Medici Seal. Thanks for telling us about the problem. Return to Book Page. The Medici Seal by Theresa Breslin. Romagna, Italy Fleeing from the murderous brigand Sandino, Matteo - a young boy - is saved from drowning by the companions of Leonardo da Vinci. From this moment on, Matteo is at the Maestro's side as he carries out his

work, which ranges from the painting of magnificent The Medici Seal to intricate dissection of the human body.

But Leonardo is employed by Cesare Borgia, head of one of Italy's leading families. Cruel and ruthless, the Borgia punishes without mercy those who oppose him or who threaten him in any way.

And as Da Vinci and Matteo travel across Italy on the Borgia's business, murder, deceit and revenge follow in their trail. The Medici Seal Matteo carries with him a secret - a secret that both the Borgia and Medici families would kill to obtain. A life-changing secret that must, finally, come to light for all to see.

A gloriously rich and authentic story of the Renaissance, The Medici Seal is also both the personal story of Matteo, a boy The Medici Seal a man, and a fascinating glimpse into the world of Da Vinci.

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Oct 09, Kell rated it really liked it Shelves: reviewed-for-author-publisherread-in This story has everything you could possibly want; murder, mystery, secrets, action, drama, love, hate and all that lies in between.

If you love reading, you will love this book — trust me, you want to read it! Nov 21, Jade rated it The Medici Seal was amazing. I absolutely loved this book. It took me a while to get into it at first; I don't think I was paying much attention the first time round But once I The Medici Seal into it, I was hooked.

The descriptions were so accurate and so detailed that it caught my interest immediately. I went on the net and looked up the Da Vinci paintings mentioned in the book, as well as looked up the history of that time period. It certainly sparked a new interest of mine. As soon as I was done, I recommended it to the rest of my family who have enjoyed it as much.

It follows a very fascinating angle of The Medici Seal story Fleeing from an attacker, a young boy named Matteo falls into a river and is saved from drowning by none other than Leonardo Da Vinci, whose assistant he subsequently becomes.

Travelling with Da Vinci, he gets to observe much of the great man's work, both artistic and scientific, as well as his dealings with Cesare Borgia, who employs him at the time Matteo encounters him in But the story Matteo tells his new master and other acquaintances about himself is not the whole truth, nor is Matteo Fleeing from an attacker, a young boy named Matteo falls into a river and is saved from drowning by none other than Leonardo Da Vinci, whose assistant he subsequently becomes.

But the story Matteo tells his new master The Medici Seal other acquaintances about himself is not the whole truth, nor is Matteo is true name. Set during a fascinating period and populated by a number of equally fascinating historical figures, I was hoping this would turn out to be an intriguing read.

However, the pace was just too slow and The Medici Seal story frequently dragged, seemingly going nowhere. Also, I just never cared all that much for the protagonist.

This was a DNF on page I was looking forward to reading this, but I wasn't really into the story and didn't really get what it was about. Not that it is a bad book or anything. I'll probably re-read this sometime this year.

Until then Jan 16, Swiftsea rated it it The Medici Seal amazing Shelves: great-pieceheartfelt. It is impossible to feel impartial towards the plight and experiences of Matteo, an intelligent, inquisitive ten-year old who barely escapes death in Renaissance, Italy. As the story proceeds, we are ingeniously led through omniscient eyes, to view as this boy becomes a man. Although initially faced with death under the hand of the single-dimension mercenary Sandino, Matteo is fortunately found and taken under the wing of the meticulous yet caring tutelage of one of the most famous artisans know It is impossible to feel impartial The Medici Seal the plight and experiences of Matteo, an intelligent, inquisitive ten-year old who barely escapes death in Renaissance, Italy.

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As I slept in the night, this book left me pondering of the fickleness in human nature; The Medici Seal the hearts of gold, such as with Elisabetta, that can be found in times of adversity. Elisabetta's The Medici Seal moved me in so many ways and I couldn't help but grieve as well for the sudden, cruel and unwarranted passing of her family.

There is just so much to say about this book. What I say barely gives it enough credit. Cleanly and beautifully written. Apr 04, Gili Austin The Medici Seal it really liked it. Interesting story of a supposedly gypsy being chased by malefactors, is rescued by Leonardo da Vinci's friends and is offered respite in the Master's household as a servant boy.

The story gives some insights into Da Vinci's talent and profound generosity and plans to educate the boy suspecting The Medici Seal the way he

looked at his eye that he was of Medici descent.

This is discovered towards the end of the story when everything seems to come together during the last chapter. Interesting story but would no Interesting story of a supposedly gypsy being chased by malefactors, is rescued by Leonardo da Vinci's friends and is offered respite in the Master's household as a servant boy.

Interesting story but would not say that the author is really adept at novel writing. Apr 04, Klatchiancoffee rated it liked it Shelves: historical-fictionthriller. Half the courts of Europe and most of mighty Rome itself are bastards. Our employer, my patron for the moment, Cesare Borgia, is a bastard. The year is A boy is fished from a river in Romagna, Italy, by the party of Leonardo da Vinci. Matteo explains that he is an orphan, that he has escaped from his employer who has treated him brutally, and that it was during this escape that he accidentally fell into the river.

Matteo deliberately omitted s Half the courts of Europe and most of mighty Rome itself are bastards. Matteo deliberately omitted saying that he was the son of a gypsy woman and has been in the care of his grandmother until she died, that he never knew who his father was, and that he was escaping from Sandino, a man-for-hire, who was trying to kill him when he fell into the river. Matteo had an even bigger secret: he had with him the seal of the Medicis which the much-feared Cesare Borgia Duke of Valentinois and the Medici family would kill to obtain.

He lived a happy enough life until his past started catching up with him. Friends who have cared for him The Medici Seal been brutally murdered, and people have been lurking in the shadows prepared to ambush. In the midst of the struggle between the Vatican and the Italian states, the alliance of the French army with Milan, the beauty and magnificence of Lucrezia de The Medici Seal, the transfer of power in the Vatican from Cardinal Rodrigo Borgia Pope Alexander VI to Cardinal Giuliano della Rovere Pope Julius II the art and scientific experiments of Leonardo da Vinci, and the political treatises of Machiavelli, Matteo would find out the explosive truth of The Medici Seal people who were after him.

And it was not primarily because he had in his possession the seal of the Medicis. Jun 25, Julianne rated it liked it. Sort of like Dan Brown for the younger set: very fast read especially given that it clocks in around pages with fun historical tidbits.

Normally, I'm not a big fan of giving major roles to real people in historical fiction books because I think they tend to come out as caricatures, The Medici Seal I like the way Theresa Breslin portrays Da Vinci. While everything seems to get wrapped up a little too neatly for my taste in the last 50 pages or so, The Medici Seal book is a fun way to get to a conclusion even when Sort of like Dan Brown for the The Medici Seal set: very fast read especially given that it clocks in around pages with fun historical tidbits.

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## **The Medici Seal - Theresa Breslin**

Matteo is on the run from Sandino. He saved by a group of artists and artisans — one of whom is the famous Leonardo Da Vinci. But Sandino isn't finished with him. As Italy is ravaged by war and sickness, Matteo must remain hidden from powerful forces to protect a valuable The Medici Seal, the very item that set Sandino on his trail — the Medici Seal. Theresa Breslin is a Carnegie Medal winning author who has published over 50 books for a wide range of ages and reading abilities.

She researched the novel by travelling in Italy where she not only admired the work of Da Vinci, but also paid a visit to Senigallia — a town which featured in one the books most dramatic moment. The book was shortlisted for the Booktrust Teenage Prize and longlisted for the Carnegie medal in the same year. Download itinerary PDF. Matteo must protect the Medici Seal. Story Matteo is on the run from Sandino. Where it came from Theresa Breslin is a Carnegie Medal The Medici Seal author who has published over 50 books for a wide range of ages and reading The Medici Seal.

Where it went next The book was shortlisted for The Medici Seal Booktrust Teenage Prize and longlisted for the Carnegie medal in the same year.

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The story is set against the turbulent background of warring city states. The infamous Pope Alexander VI, together The Medici Seal his bastard children, the murderous Cesare and Lucrezia Borgia, is determined to extend the power of both his family and the Papacy. One by The Medici Seal, the cities of northern Italy fall into Borgia hands.

Matteo comes to love his new master and is increasingly torn by wanting to be open and knowing he must keep his secret. Then new challenges arise. I enjoyed this. Recommended for 12 plus. Despite this, the book is an extremely competent mix of fact and fiction. From the word go, the reader is plunged into a whirlwind adventure story, full of deceit, secrecy and murder, whilst being able to really get a grasp of the thoroughly

interesting and diverse work that Leonardo da Vinci did.

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