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Description:

Review A *San Francisco Chronicle* Bestseller

□A sweeping tale of tragedy, greed, betrayal, and imperialism□ The depth of her research shines through the narrative, and the lush prose and quick pace make for engaging reading□ absorbing.”
□*Library Journal* (Starred review)

Richly sourced [Siler is] able to color in many figures who had heretofore existed largely in outline or black and white a solidly researched account of an important chapter in our national history, one that most Americans don't know but should an 1893 New York Times headline called [the annexation] the political crime of the century." *The New York Times Book Review*

Julia Flynn Siler's *Lost Kingdom: Hawaii's Last Queen, the Sugar Kings, and America's First Imperial Adventure* is a well-told history of the U.S. acquisition of Hawaii. The central figure is Lili'uokalani, who had the misfortune of being queen when Uncle Sam closed his grasp on the islands." *The Seattle Times*

[A] well-researched, nicely contextualized history . . . It was indeed, as Siler characterizes it, one of the most audacious land grabs of the Gilded Age." *LA Times*

[Julia Flynn] Siler captures what Hawaii was then and what it has evolved into today. What happened to the islands is known as one of the most aggressive takeovers of the Gilded Age Siler gives us a riveting and intimate look at the rise and tragic fall of Hawaii's royal family [It] is a reminder that Hawaii remains one of the most breathtaking places in the world. Even if the kingdom is lost." *Fortune*

Siler rehearses the dark imperial history of how Americans first arrived in the islands, how they rose in power and how they deposed the queen and took everything This is mostly the story of white entrepreneurs and missionaries who came and conquered A well-rendered narrative of paradise and imperialism." *Kirkus Review*

This imperial land grab in our not so distant past is far too little known. I hope that Julia Flynn Siler's lively, moving, colorful account will help restore it to the place in our national memory where it ought to be." Adam Hochschild, author of *To End all Wars: A Story of Loyalty and Rebellion, 1914-1918* and *Kings Leopold's Ghost: A Story of Greed, Terror, and Heroism in Colonial Africa*

Only one American state was formally a sovereign monarchy. In this compelling narrative, the award-winning journalist Julia Flynn Siler chronicles how this Pacific kingdom, creation of a proud Polynesian people, was encountered, annexed, and absorbed." Kevin Starr, Historian, University of Southern California, and author of *California: A History*

Siler skillfully weaves the tangled threads of this story into a satisfying tapestry about the late 19th-century death of a small nation [with] sympathetic detail." *Publisher's Weekly*

The takeover of Hawaii is a disturbing and dramatic story, deftly captured by Julia Flynn Siler [S]he vividly depicts a cast of characters driven by greed, desperation, and miscalculation How the queen lost her kingdom says as much about America and its new era of overseas expansion as it does about Hawaii."

T.J. Stiles, author of *The First Tycoon: The Epic Life of Cornelius Vanderbilt*, winner of the Pulitzer Prize and National Book Award

Julia Flynn Siler's *Lost Hawaii* is a riveting saga about Big Sugar flexing its imperialist muscle It's impossible not to be impressed with the breadth of Silers fine scholarship. A real gem of a book." Douglas Brinkley, author of *The Quiet World: Saving Alaskas Wilderness Kingdom 1879-1960*

Too many Americans forget our island paradise was acquired via a cynical, imperious land grab By the 1890s, American businessmen, especially the sugar kings, dominated the Hawaiian economy [C]ombined with the flowering of American naval ambitions, Hawaii's status as an

independent kingdom was doomed. Siler's narrative concentrates on the efforts of Queen Lili'okalani to stave off American annexation. The missionary-educated [queen's] efforts to straddle both the modern and traditional Hawaiian worlds proved futile. This is a well-written, fast-moving saga."

□*Booklist*

About the Author Julia Flynn Siler is an award-winning journalist. Her book, *The House of Mondavi: The Rise and Fall of an American Wine Dynasty* was a New York Times bestseller. She has written for *Business Week* and *The New York Times*, and is now a contributing writer for *The Wall Street Journal* in San Francisco. She lives in Northern California with her husband and sons. --This text refers to the edition.

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