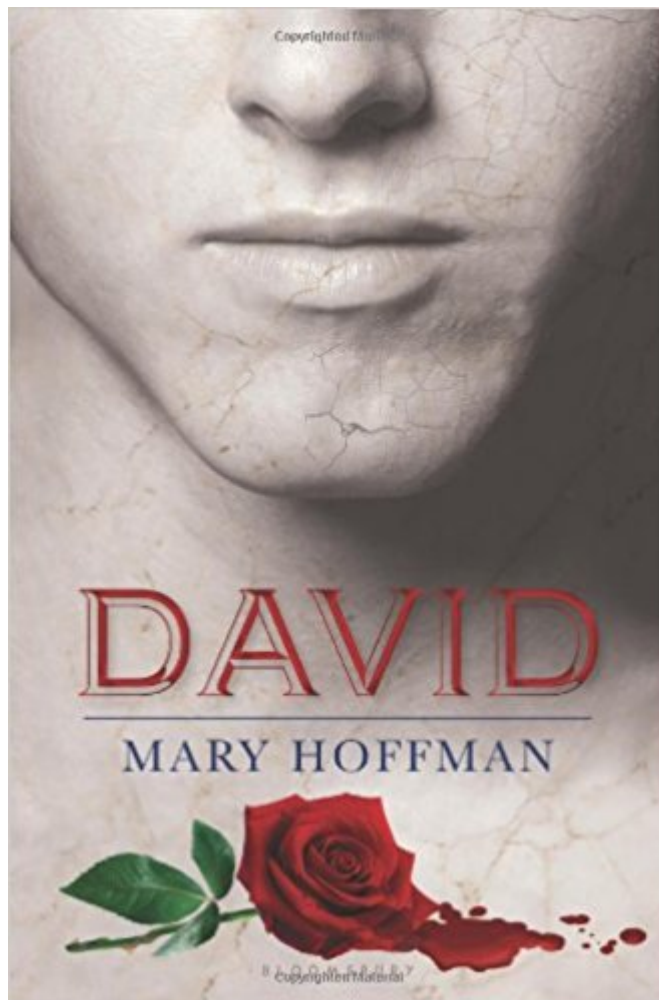


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Michelangelo's statue, David, is famous around the world. Millions flock to Italy every year to admire the physical perfection of the young man captured within the marble. But the identity of the model has never been known . . . until now. In this epic tale, acclaimed author Mary Hoffman imagines the story of Gabriele, a naive but incredibly handsome young man who is hired as Michelangelo's model, only to find himself drawn into a world of spies, political treachery, and murder. Set against the vibrant backdrop of Florence in its most turbulent times, this rich, colorful, thrilling tale gives life to one of the world's greatest masterpieces.

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I couldn't put this book down. What a wonderful way to become interested in the art and times of Michaelangelo and Leonardo da Vinci. A gripping story.

I wanted to love this book but it fell short of my expectations. The story of Angelo building David the statue, is a weak plot line. It is muddled with lots and lots of history about rivaling factions trying to rule Florence. This book is more about these groups than about the statue. I wanted to learn more about Angelo, sculpting, art etc but the author spent 70% of her time describing the different plots, spying and intricacies between the waring groups. This was interesting but now why I chose the book.

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