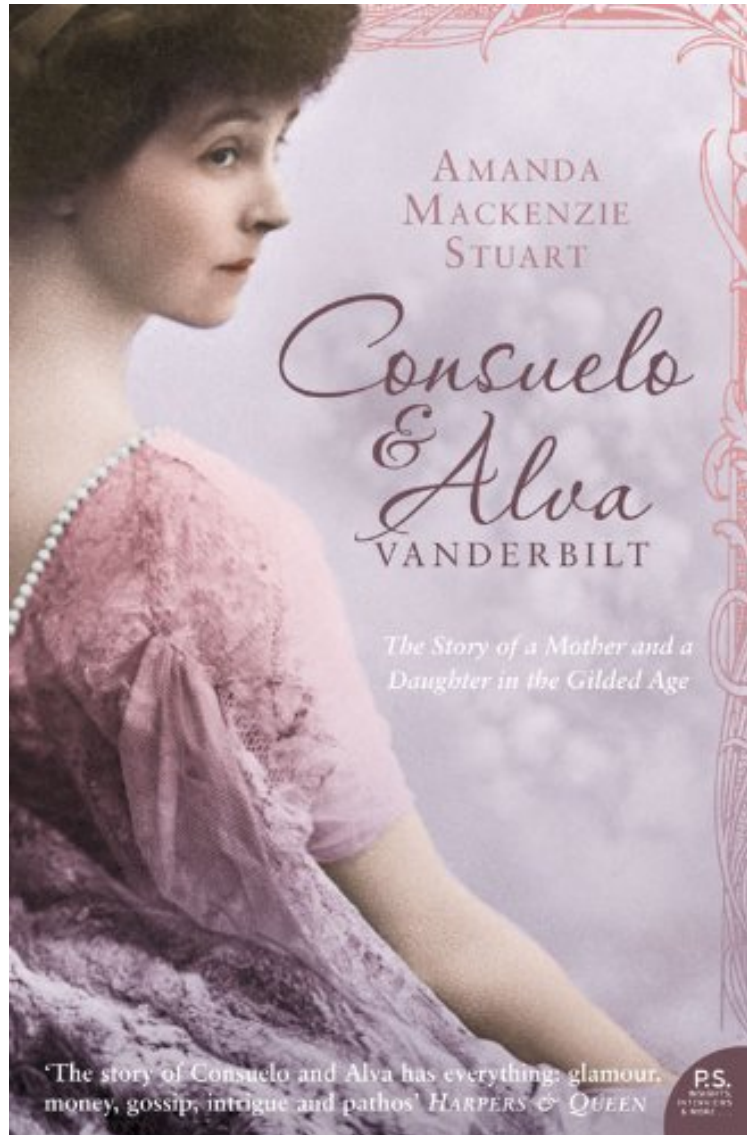


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Interesting but too detailedVon Jorg WThe book describes in detail, sometimes too detailed, the life of Consuelo Vanderbilt and her mother. I think it focuses too much on women self-determination emanzipation as well as patronage - and the pulic life the two women led. Alva certainly was the more ambitious of the two, who used and abused her daughter's life for her own ambitions - which finally led to Consuelo's divorce of her unbeloved husband, the Duke of Marlborough.The book is well researched and quite detailed and fills a gap - since I had never come across a biography of the Vanderbilt ladies - which lived certainly a remarkable life. At times it is a little bit too lengthy - at least for my taste - nevertheless it gave me a good insight about their lives at the Gilded Age - for Consuelo it was more a gilded cage - I suppose!

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