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A HISTORY OF THE
CRYPTO-JEWS
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In 1981, while operating as New Mexico State Historian, Stanley M. Hordes, puzzled over the matter, realized that these practices might very well have been passed on through the centuries from early crypto-Jewish settlers in New Spain. Hordes started to hear tales of Hispanos who lit candles on Friday night time and abstained from eating pork. Hordes concludes with a conversation of the reemergence of crypto-Jewish tradition and the reclamation of Jewish ancestry within the Hispano community in the late twentieth century. In *To the End of the Earth*, Hordes explores the exceptional story of crypto-Jews and the tenuous preservation of Jewish rituals and traditions in Mexico and New Mexico over the past 500 years. He follows the crypto-Jews from their Jewish origins in medieval Spain and Portugal to their efforts to flee persecution by migrating to the New Globe and settling in the much reaches of the northern Mexican frontier. Drawing on individual biographies (including those of colonial officials accused of secretly practicing Judaism), family members histories, Inquisition records, letters, and other principal sources, Hordes provides a richly detailed account of the economic, public and religious lives of crypto-Jews through the colonial period and following the annexation of New Mexico by the United States in 1846. While the American federal government offered more religious freedom than acquired the Spanish colonial rulers, cultural assimilation into Anglo-American culture weakened many elements of the crypto-Jewish tradition. After extensive analysis and a huge selection of interviews, Hordes figured there is, in New Mexico and the Southwest, a Sephardic legacy produced from the converso community of Spanish Jews. He examines the publicity surrounding the rediscovery of the crypto-Jewish community and explores the problems inherent in a study that efforts to reconstruct the annals of a individuals who tried to keep no documentary record.



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Fleeing the Inquisition over and over again The Spanish Inquisition was no joke. They proceeded to go "To the Ends of the planet earth" to preserve their integrity. Book includes research on my family's Jewish roots in Spain Since it features my family as one of the northern NM families with Jewish roots in Spain, I came across it most interesting! They shifted to New Mexico to get away when the Inquisition found Mexico. In between it all are Jews being mistreated and displaced, Mexican's getting mistreated and displaced, Native American's being mistreated and displaced, Spanish settlers in the America's hiding their Star of David insignia's and teaches a lesson in survival and escaping the horrors of the Spanish Inquisition. The writer has made a thorough search of the extensive Spanish colonial records. I especially enjoyed the story of the Governor of New Mexico who was originally convicted by the Inquisition, but received on charm. He convinced the judges that the nick in a particular area was a battle wound, not a ritual circumcision. Interesting reading for someone very thinking about early southwestern history . It was scholarly, with notes, but quite readable for the nonacademic.. Interesting reading for somebody very interested in early southwestern history of the United States or history of Spain in the 1500's through the 1700's. There is a wealth of info on the history of the Spanish Inquisition and how Judaism, the Catholic Church, and settlement of what is today New Mexico, Colorado, and Kansas had been affected. Since these individuals protected their tracks well and most are long lifeless, the trail was frosty and neglected. She's a Catholic upbringing. Her DNA is normally linked to a great Spanish General in Mexico. I sought information on how a Sephardic Jewish phrase from Spain could wind up as a Catholic Mexican name and become linked to the migration northward, over the El Paso of the Jews into New Mexico, USA and become linked to the founding of Sante Fe. How authoritative or how specualtive everything is was not actually my concern. My interests in Islammic Spain and Mexican background lead me to the interesting and esoteric specialized study. All of this is being confirmed with DNA evidence as well as the historical record. It also includes many disturbing accounts of well educated and wealthy Spanish noblemen being run off their ranch estates by illiterate land grabbing cowboys who somehow felt it had been their birthright to rob, steal and murder if they actually wanted something badly plenty of. Unfortunately the Inquisition adopted them to Mexico, so they headed for the most remote control location known to be able to get away and settled the city of Sante Fe, New Mexico. Jews all of a sudden became Catholic at the point of a sword and remaining Spain for a better situation. An all too familiar tale in the founding of the so called "New World." A lot of history that had not been taught in college. It really is worth buying. This book includes a lot of history that had not been taught to us in school. Many of my grandparents had been surviving in this territory prior to the revolutionary battle with England, the civil war between the states and when New Mexico became a state. I learned a good deal from this publication. it lays out all feasible evidence without overreaching. Thanks to this book, a multitude of dots have been organized on the map of New Mexican background. Scholarly but also deeply inspiring More than 700 footnotes soon add up to an extraordinary story well worth the telling: quite a few "manitos" of Northern Fresh Mexico were probably crypto-Jews who preserved elements of their very own culture through centuries of isolation. So we find that Hispanos and Hebrews are both part of Chicano background in the American Southwest. Very Specific Subject This would fall just a little outside my normal reading, but my spouse's last name is a Sephardic Jewish word that is Spanish in origin. However, Dr. I value such careful scholarship; Instead, he and his co-workers spent years and years pouring over thousands of documents. As one who has viewed a small amount of this "paleography," i want to testify that a person can go blind staring at

that terrible, ancient, blotched and blotted handwriting. Hordes did not take the easy, glamorous and lucrative route to selling their incredible background. I still remember engaging in problems for speaking Spanish while in college out in the playground. It really is worth buying. Whilst every by itself isn't conclusive, when I connect the dots I see the interesting faces of spiritual dissidents who courageously preserved their very own beliefs in the face of enormous sociable pressure. Jews fled to Portugal when the Inquisition started in Spain. I discover their tale inspiring. They shifted to Mexico when the Inquisition came to Portugal. Hordes analysis seems thorough. This was an excellent book! It was scholarly This was an excellent book!. It is interesting how the English from the east affected the vocabulary and culture out here in New Mexico. Five Stars Amazing story of the persistence of cultural identity.

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