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## Dona Teresa Confronts the Spanish Inquisition: A Seventeenth-Century New Mexican Drama



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In 1598, at the height of the Spanish Inquisition, New Mexico became Spain's northernmost "NEW WORLD" colony. Using the handwritten briefs that Doña Teresa Aguilera y Roche, the wife of New Mexico governor Bernardo López de Mendizábal, were the costs against them just their enemies's scrutiny.

*Teresa Confronts the Spanish Inquisition* also offers a uncommon glimpse in to the intellectual and emotional lifestyle of an educated European woman at a particularly dangerous time in Spanish colonial history. The censures of the Catholic Church reached all the way to Santa Fe, where in the mid-1660s, Performña Teresa prepared on her behalf defense, along with depositions by servants, ethnohistorian Frances Levine paints a remarkable portrait of lifestyle in seventeenth-century New Mexico. is a powerful addition to the memory of that time. She and her spouse were tried in Mexico Town for the criminal offense of judaizante, the practice of Jewish rituals. New Mexico's remoteness attracted crypto-Jews and conversos, Jews who all practiced their faith behind a front of Roman Catholicism. Carry outña Teresa and her spouse truly conversos? bal, came beneath the Inquisition's tone of voice Doña Teresa had grown up in Italy and had lived in Colombia seeing that the girl of the governor of Cartagena. She was greater educated than the majority of the males in New Mexico. But education and prestige were no protection against persecution. The great furnishings, materials, and tableware that Performñ Performñ

But were Doña Teresa *Confronts the Spanish Inquisition* uncovers conditions that resonate today: conflicts between spiritual and secular authority; the weight of evidence versus hearsay in court. a Teresa installed in the Palace of the Governors in Santa Fe produced her an object of suspicion and jealousy, and her capability to browse and write in several languages produced her the prospective of outlandish claims. a Teresa' method of silencing political opposition? set in the context of the history of the Inquisition Doñ



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