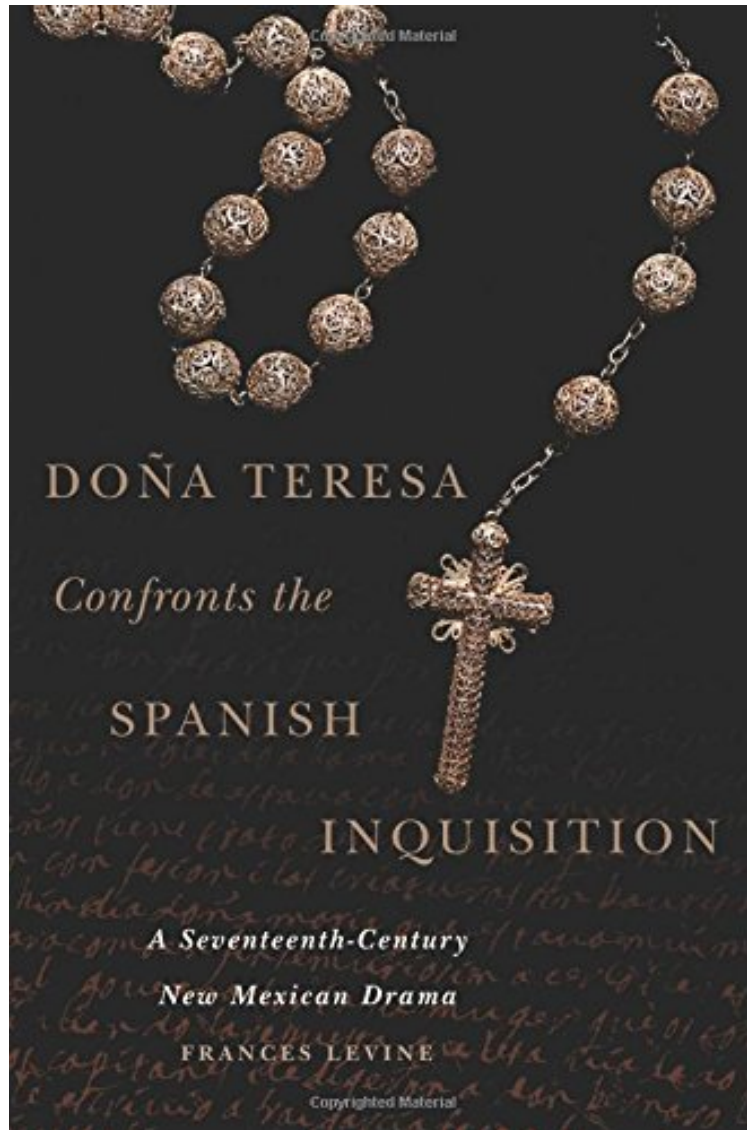


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In 1598, at the height of the Spanish Inquisition, New Mexico became Spains northernmost New World colony. The censures of the Catholic Church reached all the way to Santa Fe, where in the mid-1660s, Doa Teresa Aguilera y Roche, the wife of New Mexico governor Bernardo Lpez de Mendizbal, came under the Inquisitions scrutiny. She and her husband were tried in Mexico City for the crime of judaizante, the practice of Jewish rituals. Using the handwritten briefs that Doa Teresa prepared for her defense, as well as depositions by servants, ethnohistorian Frances Levine paints a remarkable portrait of daily life in seventeenth-century New Mexico. Doa Teresa Confronts the Spanish Inquisition also offers a rare glimpse into the intellectual and emotional life of an educated European woman at a particularly dangerous time in Spanish colonial history. New Mexicos remoteness attracted crypto-Jews and conversos, Jews who practiced their faith behind a front of Roman Catholicism. But were Doa Teresa and her husband truly conversos? Or were the charges against them simply their enemies means of silencing political opposition? Doa Teresa had grown up in Italy and had lived in Colombia as the daughter of the governor of Cartagena. She was far better educated than most of the men in New Mexico. But education and prestige were no protection against persecution. The fine furnishings, fabrics, and tableware that Doa Teresa installed in the Palace of the Governors in Santa Fe made her an object of suspicion and jealousy, and her ability to read and write in several languages made her the target of outlandish claims. Doa Teresa Confronts the Spanish Inquisition uncovers issues that resonate today: conflicts between religious and secular authority; the weight of evidence versus hearsay in court. Doa Teresas voiceset in the context of the history of the Inquisition is a powerful addition to the memory of that time.

Frances Levine provides a rare glimpse into the society of Spanish colonial New Mexico as seen through the eyes of Doa Teresa Aguilera y Roche, wife of Governor Bernardo Lpez de Mendizbal. No other body of documentation reveals as much about the period before the Pueblo Revolt of 1680 as does Levines examination of the couples trial by the Inquisition. Levine deftly recounts Doa Teresas passionate and poignant defense against her accusers. A rare example of the writings of a highly literate woman living in seventeenth-century Mexico, Doa Teresa Confronts the Spanish Inquisition also makes an important contribution to scholarship on women in colonial Latin America. Rick Hendricks, New Mexico State Historian and coauthor of *The Spanish Missions of New Mexico: Before 1680*