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María Of Ágreda: Mystical Lady In Blue



Synopsis

News of MarÃ-a of Ãgreda's exceptional attributes spread from her cloistered convent in seventeenth-century Ãgreda (Spain) to the court in Madrid and beyond. Without leaving her village, the abbess impacted the kingdom, her church, and the New World; Spanish Hapsburg king Felipe IV sought her spiritual and political counsel for over twenty-two years. Based upon her transcendent visionary experiences, Sor MarÃ-a chronicled the life of Mary, mother of Jesus of Nazareth, in *Mystical City of God*, a work the Spanish Inquisition temporarily condemned. In America, reports emerged that she had miraculously appeared to Jumano Native Americans--a feat corroborated by witnesses in Spain, Texas, and New Mexico, where she is honored today as the legendary "Lady in Blue." Lauded in Spain as one of the most influential women in its history, and in the United States as an inspiring pioneer, Sor MarÃ-a's story will appeal to cultural historians and to women who have struggled for equanimity against all odds. Marilyn Fedewa's biography of this fascinating woman integrates voluminous autobiographical, historical, and literary sources published by and about MarÃ-a of Ãgreda. With liberal access to Sor MarÃ-a's papal delegate in Spain and convent archives in Ãgreda, Fedewa skillfully reconstructs a historical and spiritual backdrop against which Sor MarÃ-a's voice may be heard. "Marilyn Fedewa has written a stirring portrait of MarÃ-a of Ãgreda, a brilliant . . . remarkable player in major spiritual and secular events of [her] age."--Kenneth A. Briggs, former religion editor for the *New York Times* "A fascinating biography of an extraordinary woman told from the perspective of her 17th-century Spanish religious culture."--Clark A. Colahan, author of *Visions of Sor MarÃ-a de Ãgreda: Writing Knowledge and Power*

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The intriguing story of the legendary "Lady in Blue" will be of interest to cultural and religious historians, as well as to women who have struggled for equality against all odds.

My spouse & I are reading/listening together which delays our completion. This would be an interim review and will edit or supplement if necessary. A very profound story about the life of this saintly women and her bless family that nurtured this child of God. I would highly recommend the Whispersync audio narration companion. The narrator/reader provides the listener a very articulated, dynamic rendering. The story is fascinating and the events in this nun's life are well documented in the historical American southwest as well as in Agreda, Spain where she was born, lived and died never leaving her cloister. A skeptic would have to deny the historical facts that are presented in an almost documentary fashion. If this story doesn't raise serious questions in the mind of a skeptic, I would have to conclude that would be a personal choice, not based on reason. This woman's life is beyond unique and needs to be assimilated into our contemporary world that has lost sense of sacredness and mystery. I'm confident a day will come when the story MarÃ- a of Agreda: Mystical Lady in Blue will be made into a movie, and will impact our secular world as it has my life and others that have read her story. I hope it happens soon!!

This is a fascinating story of a cloistered nun. I do not discredit any of it. She appeared in two places at the same time. She was the spiritual and political adviser to King Filipe IV of Spain, and she bilocated without ever leaving her convent. The Virgin Mary dictated her biography to Maria de Agreda, and miracles have been attributed to her after death. The Spanish Inquisition investigated her thoroughly. So why isn't she a saint? For 400 years the Roman Church has refused to beatify her. It is an incredibly fascinating story, well written, well researched, and very readable.

I just loved the book, all the way around. I enjoyed the pictures, even tho they're black in white. I live

in NM and had heard about a mysterious "Lady in Blue" who had visited Native Americans & instructed them on Christianity long before any of the 'Blackrobes' even approached them. I was astounded to learn the details surrounding her mysterious visits and that it was an actual fact! I had guessed it was Our Blessed Mother, but it wasn't. Very informative!

Fascinating story, incredible amount of research.. Author's style makes this a pleasure to read and difficult to put down. Elizabeth Lansing mi

Book was new condition. Very satisfied.

Marilyn Fedewa has done a beautiful job of researching this incredible, but absolutely true story of Maria of Agreda. There are over 500 historical accounts of this cloistered nun having visited the Jumano Indians in the Southwestern US. Many footnotes are provided and a thorough bibliography is included. In addition to being well researched, the text is also very readable. Thank you for such a wonderful book.

An amazing story, well written synopsis of intriguing life encouraging to take on her 12 volumes of written work. The journey that took me here was Santo Junipero Serra's life and his devotion to Sr Maria's works.

Wonderfully told story about a very holy woman. Well researched and written with authority. Glad I found this inspirational biography. It made City of God even more meaningful for me. Highly recommended.

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