

New Novel About Mexican Poet to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month

Sor Juana Ines de la Cruz, the 17th century Mexican poet, comes to life in new novel

ASHLAND, OR, UNITED STATES, September 17, 2024 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Sor Juana Ines de la Cruz, the brilliant 17th century Mexican poet-dramatist-philosopher-activist, is the subject of "[Sor Juana, My Beloved](#)," a new novel by the celebrated writer-poet MaryAnn Shank.

"I wrote this story," said Ms. Shank, "because it haunted me. It just grabbed on, and wouldn't let go." She devoted five years researching Sor Juana before putting pen to paper. She found histories, biographies, operas, even Mexican stamps. But noting captured what Ms. Shank knew was the essential Sor Juana.

She readily admits that there is no way to capture the entire Sor Juana, for that would require multiple volumes. But she knew she had to show a side of Sor Juana that is woefully lacking elsewhere. She had to show the passionate love affair with the stunning Vicereine Maria Luisa. To accomplish that, she had to show how Juana came to be Sor Juana, the poet.

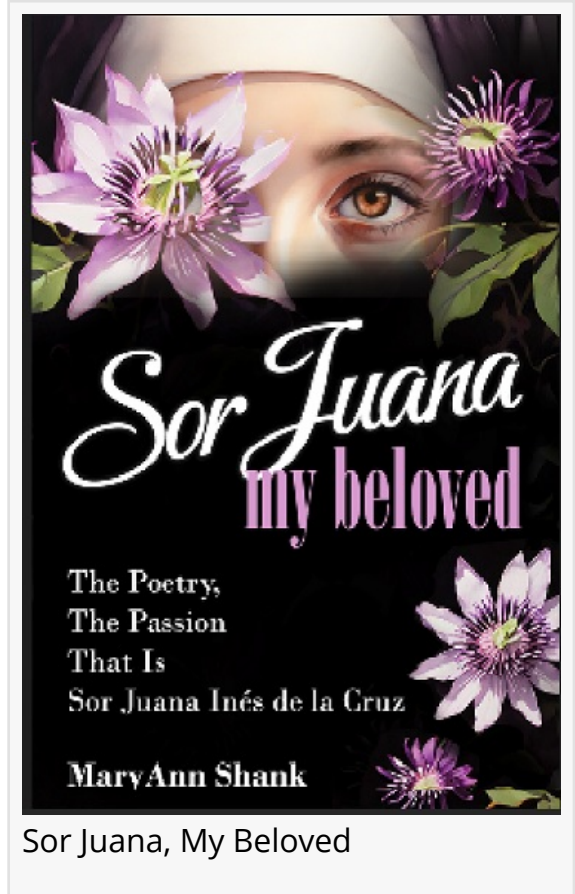
“

"[This novel's] passionate exploration of Sor Juana's life brings it to vibrant levels of drama paired with psychological, social, and spiritual reflections."

Donovan's Literary Review

No cloistered nun, this woman's footsteps led her through the Viceroy's palace and through back alleys of Mexico City, and eventually to the doorstep of a desire she didn't know she possessed.

All the while, Sor Juana's gifts flew on the breezes of Mexico City as she wrote voraciously for her lover, for the Church, and for Mexican citizens. She is best known for her epic poem "First Dream," but wrote hundreds, if not thousands, more poems, plays and villancicos.



Sor Juana, My Beloved

. "She is the Tenth Muse!" declared one priest in Spain.

"She is, in every respect, a man!" declared another Spanish priest. High praise indeed for a woman in the 17th century.

The devotion of her thousands of admirers also brought insane jealousy to bear, in the form of a diabolical Archbishop. He slammed her in front of the Inquisition, where she stood, alone.

Pre-publication reviews of "Sor Juana, My Beloved" are universally outstanding.

"...[An] expertly crafted epic narrative .. a stunning portrait that combines wonderful scenery with passionate romance..." (-- Kirkus Reviews)



MaryAnn Shank, Author

"Richly layered, elegantly written, and affecting ..." (Prairie's Review)

"[This novel's] passionate exploration of Sor Juana's life brings it to vibrant levels of drama paired with psychological, social, and spiritual reflections." {Donovan's Literary Review}

"[This story] is an opportunity for transformation, where each moment is infused with the potential to change our outlook on life." {Midwest Book Review}

It is the perfect way to join the celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month.

Details:

Title: Sor Juana, My Beloved

Author: MaryAnn Shank

Publication date: October 1, 2024

ISBN: 978-1-7335819-3-6 (Paperback); 978-1-7335819-4-3 (ebook)

MaryAnn Shank

MaryAnn Shank, author

maryannthewriter@aol.com

Visit us on social media:

[LinkedIn](#)

This press release can be viewed online at: <https://www.einpresswire.com/article/743714370>

EIN Presswire's priority is source transparency. We do not allow opaque clients, and our editors try to be careful about weeding out false and misleading content. As a user, if you see something we have missed, please do bring it to our attention. Your help is welcome. EIN Presswire, Everyone's Internet News Presswire™, tries to define some of the boundaries that are reasonable in today's world. Please see our Editorial Guidelines for more information.

© 1995-2024 Newsmatics Inc. All Right Reserved.