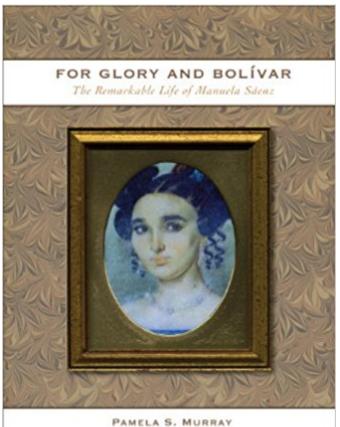


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For Glory And BolÃ-var: The Remarkable Life Of Manuela SÃienz



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Synopsis

She was a friend, lover, and confidante of charismatic Spanish American independence hero Simà n BolÃ-var and, after her death, a nationalist icon in her own right. Yet authors generally have chosen either to romanticize Manuela SÃjenz or to discount her altogether. For Glory and Bolivar: The Remarkable of Life of Manuela SÃienz, by contrast, offers a comprehensive and clear-eyed biography of her. Based on unprecedented archival research, it paints a vivid portrait of the Quito-born "Libertadora," revealing both an exceptional figure and a flesh-and-blood person whose life broadly reflected the experiences of women during Spanish America's turbulent Age of Revolution. Already married at the time of her meeting with the famous Liberator, SÃienz abandoned her husband in order to become not only BolA-var's romantic companion, but also his official archivist, a member of his inner circle, and one of his most loyal followers. She played a central role in Spanish South America's independence drama and eventually in developments leading to the consolidation of new nations. Pamela Murray, for the first time, closely examines SAjenz's political trajectory including her vital, often-overlooked years in exile. She exposes the myths that still surround her. She offers, in short, a nuanced and much-needed historical perspective, one that balances recognition of SÃ_ienz's uniqueness with awareness of the broader forces that shaped this dynamic nineteenth-century woman.

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Another Jewel, in the tapestry of our History.

It is obvious the author has studied the subject to great lengths. I enjoyed the factual aspect, I found the written words too academic for a recreational historian.

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