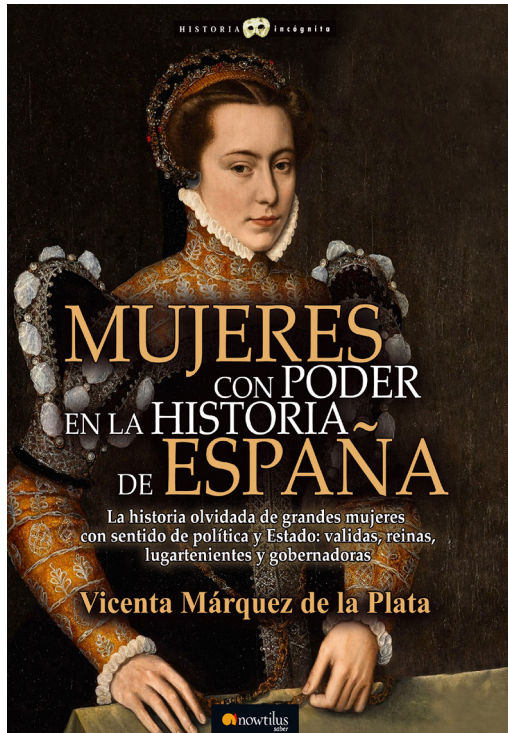


# POWERFUL WOMEN IN THE HISTORY OF SPAIN

Historical essay

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The forgotten history of great women with a sense of politics and state: Validas, Queens, Lieutenants and Governors.

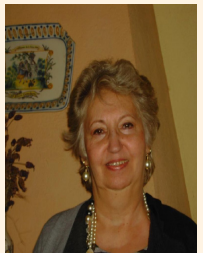
## Synopsis

*Powerful women in the history of Spain* is an essay that shows the great work of women in the world. Despite not being allowed to occupy certain positions, they proved to be the right ones, the most prepared, and therefore, the worthy ones to develop certain posts in their historical moments.

In these pages the reader may find women which were lieutenants, governors and valids, but also queens who were real queens, not wives of kings. Throughout the book the reader will witness times when the scale was leaned, not by a great woman in the shadows, eventually history hid them, and their deeds were erased from history books. In this book they will find restored their well deserved honour.

## Biography

**Vicenta Márquez de la Plata** is a writer and a historian specialised in the Middle Ages. In 2009 she obtained in 2009 the Ateneo de Sevilla prize of historical novel with *La valida*. She holds a Degree in Genealogy, Heraldry and Nobiliary by the Instituto Salazar y Castro of the CSIC, she is a guest professor at the Modern University of Lisbon, and a Professor of the professorship Marqués de Cidoncha of CHEI. She has been a speaker at several international history symposia, published articles in specialised journals, and given lectures on topics of her specialty. She also collaborates with the COPE radio talking about historical characters. She has published several essays as medieval *Reinas medievales españolas* y *Mujeres renacentistas en la corte de Isabel la Católica* (2005). Among her novels both *El eunuco del rey* (2007) and *La concubina del rey-emperador* (2008) stand out. She is the author in this very collection of *Los mejores reyes fueron reinas*.



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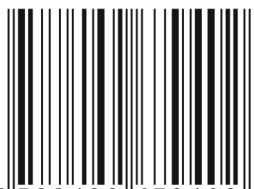
- A different and complete view of the history of Spain; Nine centuries of the history of Spain seen through the role of nine women: Doña Urraca, Doña Berengaria la Grande, Doña Maria de Molina, Doña Margarita of Parma... who exercised their power as valids, regents, queens or governors.

- The work draws from oblivion the biographies, and historical and political events, that surrounded the life of these fascinating women, all of whom had great sense of politics and state, and whose performance was key to securing dynasties in power, and in creating alliances with different kingdoms.

- The attitude of women to power has not been specifically addressed until now.

- The work is profusely illustrated with engravings, illustrations and images that will allow the reader to contextualise each of the reigns.

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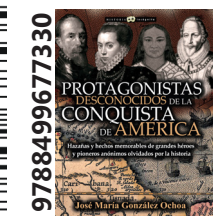
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