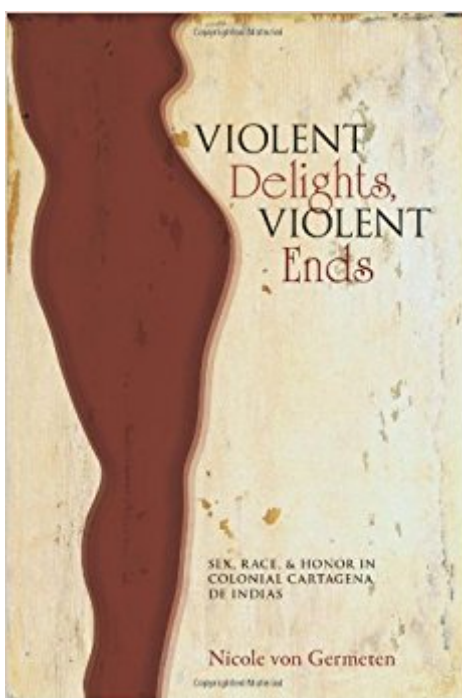


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Violent Delights, Violent Ends: Sex, Race, And Honor In Colonial Cartagena De Indias



Synopsis

This study of sexuality in seventeenth-century Latin America takes the reader beneath the surface of daily life in a colonial city. Cartagena was an important Spanish port and the site of an Inquisition high court, a slave market, a leper colony, a military base, and a prison colony--colonial institutions that imposed order by enforcing Catholicism, cultural and religious boundaries, and prevailing race and gender hierarchies. The city was also simmering with illegal activity, from contraband trade to prostitution to heretical religious practices. Nicole von Germeten's research uncovers scandalous stories drawn from archival research in Inquisition cases, criminal records, wills, and other legal documents. The stories focus largely on sexual agency and honor: an insult directed at a married woman causes a deadly street battle; a young *doña* uses sex to manipulate a lustful, corrupt inquisitor. Scandals like these illustrate the central thesis of this book: women in colonial Cartagena de Indias took control of their own sex lives and used sex and rhetoric connected to sexuality to plead their cases when they had to negotiate with colonial bureaucrats.

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A very interesting compendium of a taboo topic which is difficult to access through standard archives. The work points out that the official formal elaboration of racial classifications in Spanish America was impossible to maintain and that women managed in many cases to negotiate their own roles in society. The book also demonstrates changing official attitudes toward these topics. It is difficult to put this book down until reaching the back cover. Robert L. Hoover, Ph.D.

Strong images, beautiful writing, clear analysis. A excellent example of historical writing at its best. While the book focuses on Cartagena de Indias it's conclusions are applicable to the Spanish Empire as a whole.

A brilliant study of a neglected topic. The author is a regular archive rat, and the book is impressive. Well written and of considerable significance.

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