

SERVANT ASSASSINS



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Thirteen real life stories of female servants who killed their masters: gender violence, crimes of passion, crimes of class, etc.

Synopsis

Read about stories involving crimes of passion, Caciquism, parricide, infanticide, hidden slavery. These are thirteen real life stories that sent shockwaves throughout Spanish society. Marisol Donis, criminologist and writer, tells us about 13 domestic servants who became headline news for the cruelty of their crimes in 19th century Spain.

This was a century marked by the increase of crimes committed by servants, who were punished with the strictness of the laws of the time. The author looks at real stories of women employed crime to impose their own form of justice on their masters and who believed that they had the right to murder. These are the stories of the most publicized crimes of Higinia Balaguer and Cecilia Aznar as well as other women who killed to hide their shame or dishonor.

You will learn about well-known crimes like that of Fuencarral Street or that of Luna Street in Madrid. Such cases will give us a better look at the relationship between masters and servants and between women and the justice system. Discover the executions in garrote, prison conditions, the motives and alibis of these criminals, and the expert reports of the time. This information will help the reader better understand not only the crimes of the past, but many that happen today.

Biography

Marisol Donis is pharmacologist, criminologist, and writer. After almost 20 years dedicated to the pharmaceutical world, she made a big professional change and obtained a specialized degree in Criminology. She is the author of *Crímenes pasionales en Madrid*, *Envenenadoras*, *Influencia del síndrome premenstrual en la criminalidad femenina*, *Hasta que la muerte os separe*, and *Víctimas de la justicia*. Currently she contributes to various publications related to the world of criminology and participates in conferences, round table discussions, and symposiums on this subject matter.



Did you know that...

...according to the 1860 census report, one in every nineteen women worked in a servant position?

...Concepción Arenal stated that "masters and servants corrupt each other mutually"?

...not even pregnancy could free a woman condemned to death from the garrote because the execution was conducted after birth?

...in the days of public execution the crowds pushed each other to witness the condemned in their last moments of life and that many people protested when there were morning executions because these same people could not attend?



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