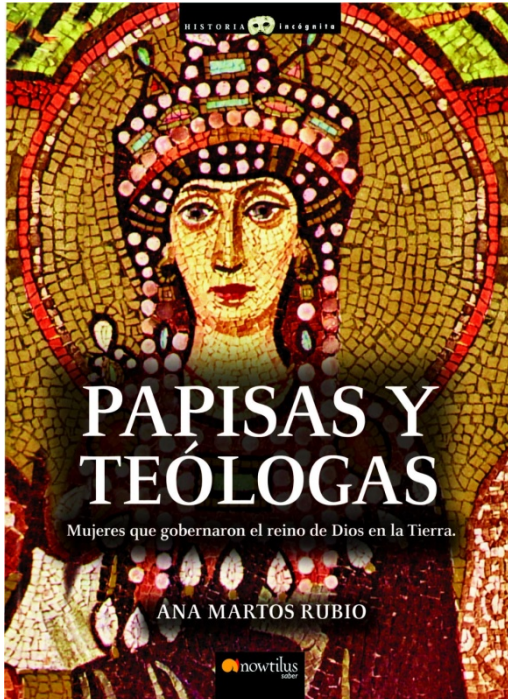


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Women that ruled the kingdom of God in Earth



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The unknown story of the women that ruled the Church between the ninth and the eleventh century, who proclaimed different faith dogmas, summoned councils and appointed or removed Popes in the darkest periods of Catholicism.

The Catholic Church relegated women to a secondary role. However, during centuries, many lay women determined the destiny of God's house in Earth.

Galla Placidia, Pulqueria, Theodora, Pope Joan, the *senatrix* Marozia ... Some had direct influence over the Church, others, over the men who managed it —whether they were religious or not— and others, over the men who ruled the destiny of the countries which, in some way, constituted the Christian region in a time when religion and politics were almost the same thing.

It is well known that Popes and Cardinals had lovers and concubines during the Renaissance and subsequent times, but they never had any influence on the Church's destiny, never named Popes or presided over councils. Whereas the main characters of this story are the women

that truly had influence on the Church. Some of them summoned councils and proclaimed dogmas; others named and removed Popes and others gave headaches to the supreme pontiffs and Cardinals.

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