

THE QUEEN'S TWO BODIES: BEYOND PRIVATE AND PUBLIC IN THE BIOGRAPHY OF ISABEL II OF SPAIN

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BASIC CHRONOLOGY (I)

- 1830.** Born in Madrid. Eldest daughter of Fernando VII and his fourth wife and niece, María Cristina of the Two Sicilies.
- 1833.** Fernando VII dies. Isabel II becomes Queen at the age of three. María Cristina becomes Regent. The so called *Carlist War* begins. The ultra-absolutist brother of the late King refuses to accept the abolition of the Bourbon law of succession that prevents women from reigning. Isabel II is supported by the Liberal parties.
- 1836.** Disentailment of Church lands and other Liberal socio-economic measures that ensure private property and market economy.
- 1837.** Progressive-Liberal Constitution.
- 1839.** Isabel's Liberal supporters win the civil war.
- 1840.** The Liberal-Progressive General Espartero replaces María Cristina as Regent.
- 1843.** Liberal-Moderates send Espartero into exile. Isabel II comes of age at thirteen and ascends the throne.
- 1845.** Liberal-Moderate Constitution.

BASIC CHRONOLOGY (II)

1846. The sixteen-year-old Queen is forced to marry her first cousin, Francisco de Asís.

1851. Concordat with the Holy See.

1854. Liberal-Progressive *pronunciamiento* marks the beginning of the "Liberal Biennium".

1856. Liberal-Moderates return to government after a military coup.

1866. Pact of Ostend unites all opposition forces against the Moderates.

1868. The so-called "Glorious Revolution" sends Isabel II into exile.

1868-1875. Liberal-Democratic regime.

1875. Restoration of the Bourbons under Isabel's son, Alfonso XII.
The ex-Queen is forced to remain in exile.

1904. Isabel dies in Paris at the age of seventy-three.

MAIN CHARACTERS OF "THE BOURBONS IN THE BUFF"

Isabel II: Queen of Spain.

Francisco de Asís: The Queen's husband.

Infanta Isabel: The Queen's eldest daughter.

Prince Alfonso: The Queen's son and crown prince.

Father Claret: The Queen's confessor.

Sister Patrocínio: The so-called "Nun of the Stigmata" and Queen's close adviser.

Luis González-Bravo: Last President of Isabel's Council of Ministers.

Carlos Marfori: The Queen's supposed lover on the eve of the revolution of 1868.







*¡Oh viejo que estás jodiendo!
al infierno vas cayendo.*



Sentada está en su poltrona
con chulo, cetro y corona.





*Dio noyo, agradecido
a los tones de Isabel,
la da bula singularis
para que pueda joder.*



Gracia bac



¿Quién quiere sebo?



No seas lividinosa
y tapa, tapa la cosa.



Per probar de todo....
de tirarse á un pollino encontrò modo!



¡Vaya un par!



¿No es lástima que una niña como ésta, que se encuentra bien en su casa, vaya a buscar los deshechos de los agencias?



¡El oficio va estando tan perdido!...



Les intelligentes.

- Bon che male!...

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