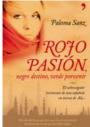


Rojo pasión, negro destino, verde porvenir

Red passion, Black destiny, Green future



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Love, death, betrayal, adventure, abuse, an unknown and exotic culture... Dolores' eyes well up when she tells her story. Her life story is like the plot of a great novel.

What would have become of her if her first husband hadn't died when she was nineteen, leaving her with a new-born baby? She probably wouldn't have experienced the events that unfold in this moving testimony. Her need to rebuild her life and forget her happy past leads Dolores to marry again, this time to Yusef, a muslim whose way of thinking is different to hers and her family.

Soon after marrying in Madrid, Yusef convinces Dolores to move to Gaza, 'for a time'. However, when they arrive in that arid, inhospitable land occupied by the Israeli goverment, she finds out that she has been deceived and that they will never go back to Spain, or at least not with their daughters. From that moment on she understands that they have made a journey to a different life and begins a new and cruel apprenticeship. The man with whom she was living becomes a stranger to her, leaving her in his mother's hands and submitting her to constant punishment and humiliation in a desperate attempt to quell her rebellious spirit.

However, the worst is yet to come, and brings Dolores to the brink of death. Only at that moment does she dare to try and rescue her daughters and begin a new life yet again. But she has no idea how difficult this will be.

Dolores says that she has been born more than once in her life, because she has fallen down so many times and so many times have her love and determination driven her to keep up the struggle. This is her life, incontrovertible proof of what a human being is capable of withstanding.

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