

# The Storks of La Caridad

## Title Data

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Publisher: Twilight Times Books

Complete Title: The Storks of La Caridad

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Author (Use Nom de Plume of applicable): Florence Byham Weinberg

Author's Hometown: San Antonio, TX

Author's Biography (60 words max):

A native of New Mexico, she traveled as an 'army brat' in World War II. Travels continued after marriage to scholar/critic Kurt Weinberg in Canada, France, Spain and Germany. After earning her PhD, she taught for twenty-two years at St. John Fisher College, Rochester, NY, and for ten at Trinity University, San Antonio. She continues to travel and write books.

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Synopsis of Book (175 words max):

Father Ygnacio Pfefferkorn, a missionary stationed in northwestern Mexico, is expelled with all Jesuits in 1767. After eight years of prison, he is incarcerated in La Caridad Monastery near Ciudad Rodrigo, Spain, and befriended by Bother Eugenio, scribe, Father Plácido, choirmaster, and Father Leopoldo, instructor of boys.

La Caridad is locked in conflict with the bishop of Ciudad Rodrigo to determine jurisdiction over Robledillo, a rich parish. Two murders are committed and an ancient charter, granting the monastery

perpetual jurisdiction over neighboring lands and villages, is stolen. The abbot recruits his prisoner, Ygnacio, to solve the murders and recover the charter.

Ygnacio suspects Leopoldo, whose sister Clara is attracted to Ygnacio, although he resists his own attraction. He surprises Leopoldo in the act of trading the charter to the bishop for personal gain. Leopoldo flees to the cathedral tower, where Ygnacio corners him, only to find him innocent. The real murderer threatens to throw Ygnacio off the tower, but is thwarted by Clara's timely intervention. Instead, it is the murderer who falls to his death.

Bulleted Points (25 words max each):

- "The Storks of Caridad," a historical mystery, capitalizes on exotic location and customs, and provides a fascinating glimpse of a moment in European history.
- The book exposes eighteenth-century state-sanctioned abuses in Spain and struggles within the Roman Church, the good vs. bad: political machinations, injustices and persecutions.
- The story should intrigue readers interested in strongly delineated, subtle characters in a beautiful setting, fast-moving plot, strong emotions, love interest, suspense and murder.

Marketing Points (Budget & Plan) (25 words max): National and local media—print, broadcast and electronic. Media interviews, library and bookstore appearances and signings.

Local print media, local/national broadcast and electronic media, *Publishers Weekly*, national magazines (*America*, *St. Anthony Messenger*), local/regional signings in book stores and libraries.

Is This a New Title?      Yes       No       If Yes, Describe the book in 50 words:

Father Ignaz (Ygnacio) Pfefferkorn, a missionary from the Sonora Desert region of northern Mexico, is caught in the Expulsion of all Jesuits in 1767. After enduring eight years of prison and abuse, he is incarcerated in La Caridad Monastery where the abbot recruits him to help solve two murders.