

Los pasos que nos separan Spanish Edition



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BOOK SYNOPSIS

"This book presents three versions of the Godfather/Death motif in English translations as well as the original Spanish. A desperate man makes a pact with Death in order to alleviate pain or sorrow or poverty. Death then makes him a doctor and endows him with the ability to predict life or death, and thus he feathers his nest and his fortune turns. In the end, however, Death demands its pound of flesh, and the day of reckoning arrives." "The three authors of these Death-and-the-Doctor tales are three of nineteenth-century Spains most well-known short-story writers. Fernan Caballero [Cecilia Bohl de Faber] (1796-1877) first published "Juan Holgado y la muerte [Juan Holgado and Death]" in 1850. It stands out for its humor, relating Fernan Caballeros hapless paterfamilias attempt to escape his numerous children in order to feast on a rabbit, only to have Death, in the shape of an old woman, snatch it from his hands." "Antonio de Trueba (1819-89) first published "Tragaldabas [Glutton]" in 1867. The main characteristic of Truebas piece is its satire and scathing portrayal, as well as condemnation, of the medical profession." ""Deaths Friend" is much more ambitious than Fernan Caballeros and Truebas tales, and in length approaches a short novel. It is essentially a love story: Gil Gil and Elena, ill-starred lovers, are reunited through divine intervention as both Elena and Death petition God on Gil Gils behalf." "Taken together, these three Death-and-the-Doctor tales fill a void in the Godfather/Death motif of Western European literature and highlight the universality of Spains folk tradition."--BOOK JACKET.Title Summary field provided by Blackwell North America, Inc. All Rights Reserved

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