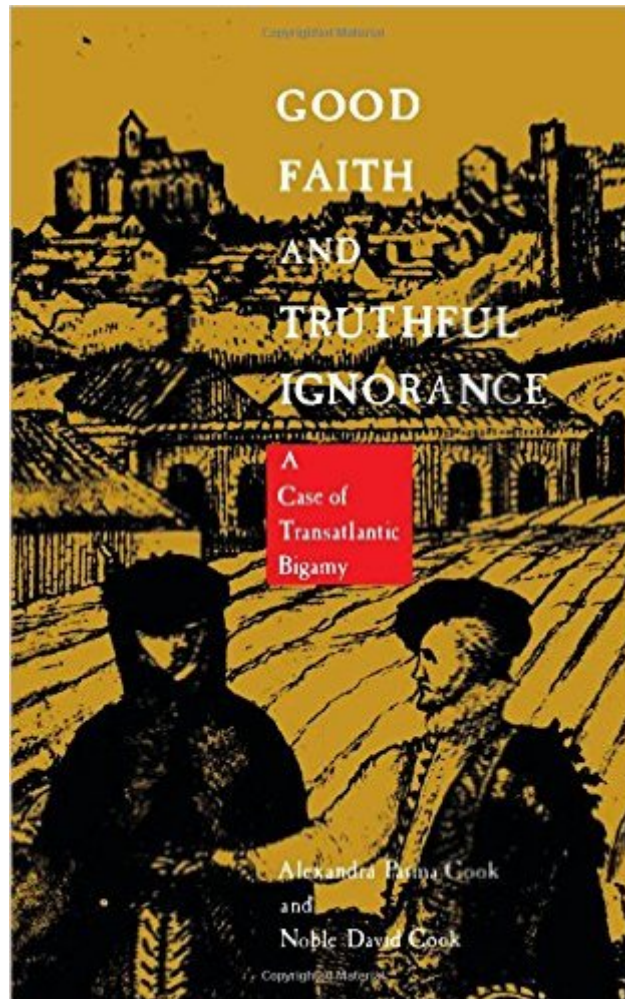


The book was found

# Good Faith And Truthful Ignorance: A Case Of Transatlantic Bigamy



## Synopsis

Good Faith and Truthful Ignorance uncovers from history the fascinating and strange story of Spanish explorer Francisco Noguerol de Ulloa. In 1556, accompanied by his second wife, Francisco returned to his home in Spain after a profitable twenty-year sojourn in the new world of Peru. However, unlike most other rich conquistadores who returned to the land of their birth, Francisco was not allowed to settle into a life of leisure. Instead, he was charged with bigamy and illegal shipment of silver, was arrested and imprisoned. Francisco's first wife (thought long dead) had filed suit in Spain against her renegade husband. So begins the labyrinthine legal tale and engrossing drama of an explorer and his two wives, skillfully reconstructed through the expert and original archival research of Alexandra Parma Cook and Noble David Cook. Drawing on the remarkable records from the trial, the narrative of Francisco's adventures provides a window into daily life in sixteenth-century Spain, as well as the mentality and experience of conquest and settlement of the New World. Told from the point of view of the conquerors, Francisco's story reveals not only the lives of the middle class and minor nobility but also much about those at the lower rungs of the social order and relations between the sexes. In the tradition of Carlo Ginzberg's *The Cheese and the Worms* and Natalie Zemon Davis's *The Return of Martin Guerre*, *Good Faith and Truthful Ignorance* illuminates an historical period—the world of sixteenth-century Spain and Peru—through the wonderful and unusual story of one man and his two wives.

## Book Information

Paperback: 206 pages

Publisher: Duke University Press Books (December 4, 1991)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 0822312220

ISBN-13: 978-0822312222

Product Dimensions: 5.7 x 0.6 x 9.2 inches

Shipping Weight: 14.4 ounces (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 4.2 out of 5 stars — See all reviews (8 customer reviews)

Best Sellers Rank: #287,660 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #187 in Books > Textbooks > Humanities > History > Latin America #194 in Books > Politics & Social Sciences > Politics & Government > International & World Politics > Caribbean & Latin American #267 in Books > History > Americas > South America

## Customer Reviews

Two worlds collide from across the Atlantic Ocean when a well-respected man is charged with the dishonorable crime of bigamy. The defendant, Francisco Noguerol de Ullua, is a true man of his time striving from humble beginnings to shake off the weight of his birth and claim glory in the Americas. His crime is the consequence of unfortunate circumstances of miscommunication, strained familiar relationships, and the resurrection of a dead wife. The Cooks chronicle these true events providing a peek into 16th century Spanish life and culture in the New World with commentary that is helpful and revealing. This book is crafted in a light that truly makes the events of 400 years ago come to life-an excellent choice for students of Latin American history, legal history, or social history. Maps, glossary, and a chronicle of events included.

Not difficult to read, provides a look at many aspects of life in the Colonies and Iberia. Useful (especially for those who don't speak Spanish) references and maps in the back. I didn't give it five stars, however, because I think it was a bit choppy in the writing, jumping from place to place. I also think--even though I could be totally off the wall on this one--that the authors tried too hard to hide their bias for one of the women. I'm not much of a social historian, I'm much more of a structuralist, so I do recognize my own bias while reading this.

I noticed another college student felt this book was a waste of their time, but I want to disagree. First off there is much to be learned about the Spanish legal system by reading this biography, and this book was on a recommended reading list our professor gave us for writing a mini-research paper for a colonial Latin American history course. Anyone who wants to learn more about Transatlantic communication in colonial Latin America would be interested in this volume, there is a lot to glean from it. This might not have been a book I would have discovered on my own, but it is certainly a book I enjoyed since the authors use descriptive detail and realism to bring long gone people to life. There are other books I have read for courses that might not have been enjoyable, but I always learned something. One big thing you can learn from reading this book is just how miscommunication often occurred as little as a hundred year ago, when people had to rely on letters for correspondence. Even though there is some evidence Noguerol may have known his first wife Beatriz was still alive after he married dona Catalina, for the most part he only had the letters his sisters wrote him to go upon. Today we live in a world where we are inundated with text messages and the 24/7 news cycle, so I believe people can learn a lot by realizing just how sparse and precarious communication was in the not so distant past.

Based on a true case, it was a very interesting tale of bigamy and history's of Latin America and Spain. I love the sense of honor and title and get the feeling that this book allows us to see that women did have a way to voice their concerns and get their way, in this case. Fun to read and in three parts.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

Good Faith and Truthful Ignorance: A Case of Transatlantic Bigamy The Case for Faith: A Journalist Investigates the Toughest Objections to Christianity (Case for ... Series) Democracy and Political Ignorance: Why Smaller Government Is Smarter Tools of Ignorance - Lisa's Story (Clarksonville) QI: The Second Book of General Ignorance The Book of Animal Ignorance: Everything You Think You Know Is Wrong Qi: the Book of General Ignorance (Noticeably Stouter Edition) QI: The Pocket Book of General Ignorance Transatlantic Travels in Nineteenth-Century Latin America: European Women Pilgrims (Bucknell Studies in Latin American Literature and Theory) Transatlantic Liners (Shire Library) Francisco de Miranda: A Transatlantic Life in the Age of Revolution Francisco de Miranda: A Transatlantic Life in the Age of Revolution (Latin American Silhouettes) Transatlantic Africa: 1440-1888 (African World Histories) New World Courtships: Transatlantic Alternatives to Companionate Marriage (Re-Mapping the Transnational: A Dartmouth Series in American Studies) Brit-Think, Ameri-Think: A Transatlantic Survival Guide, Revised Edition Good Gut: The Next Thing You Should Do If You Want to Heal Your Gut and Improve Your Intestinal Health (good gut guide, gut health, good gut diet) Gay Marriage: Why It Is Good for Gays, Good for Straights, and Good for America The Looneyspoons Collection: Good Food, Good Health, Good Fun! Can I Ask That?: 8 Hard Questions about God and Faith [Sticky Faith Curriculum] Student Guide BOOKS: HOW TO PRAY WITH FAITH AND GET YOUR ANSWERS IMMEDIATELY:: FAITH FOR ANSWERED PRAYER :PRAYER PATTERN FOR CHANGING SITUATIONS: FINANCIAL MIRACLE PRAYER: PRAYER OF ABUNDANCE: PRAYER OF HEALING:

[Dmca](#)