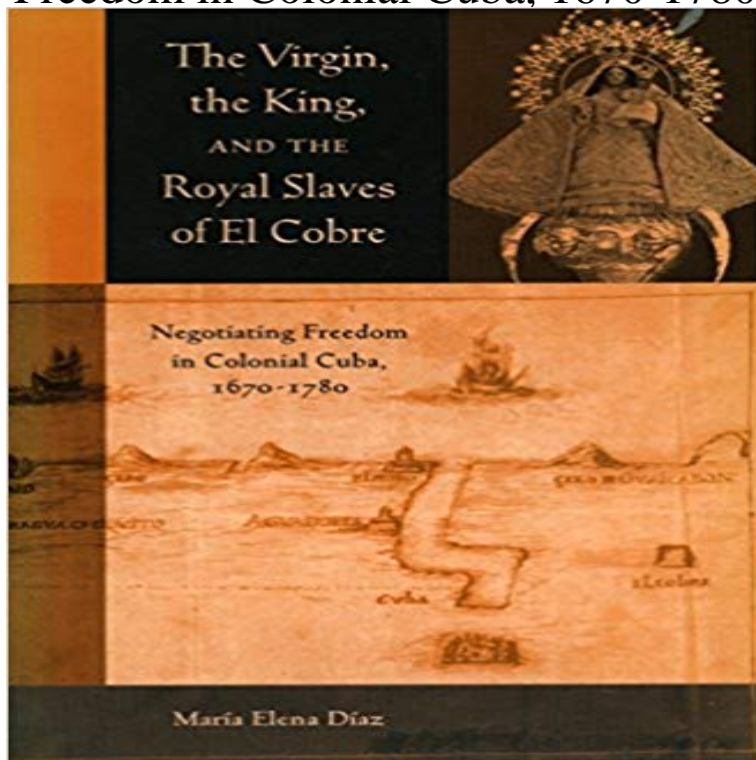


## The Virgin, the King and the Royal Slaves of El Cobre: Negotiating Freedom in Colonial Cuba, 1670-1780 (Cultural Sitings)



This book tells the extraordinary story of a village of peasants and miners in late seventeenth- and eighteenth-century Cuba who were slaves belonging to the king of Spain and whose local patroness was a miraculous image of the Virgin of Charity of El Cobre. In reconstructing this history, the book reveals that in Cuba's eastern region, slavery to the King became a very ambiguous form of slavery that evolved into forms of freedom unprecedented in other colonial societies of the New World. The author studies the relations that developed between the Virgin, the King, and the royal slaves as the enslaved villagers imagined and negotiated social identity and freedom in this Caribbean frontier society. In the process, she examines several dimensions of the royal slaves' daily and imaginary lives. Drawing on a range of cultural, social, political, and economic sources, this book presents a multisided history of enslaved people as they remade colonial spaces and turned them into a new homeland in El Cobre. As they produced social memory and appropriated popular religious traditions centered on the Virgin of Charity, they reinvented their past and present as a new people within the structures and strictures of Spain's colonial world.

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We are happy to provide quality fresh fruits, vegetables, Grass-fed and Finished Beef, Naturally & Humanely raised Pork, Pastured Chickens, and Cage Free Eggs to Clackamas County sustainably on our small acreage.

We strive to provide vegetables that grow well in our climate ensuring the best tasting local food available. We prefer to grow old-fashioned and rare varieties of vegetables believing that they are the best to offer but do also grow a very select, few varieties of hybrids, but they are counted on one hand! Much of what we grow, we save the seed of every year and re-offer it to members of the Seed Savers Exchange.

We thank all of you, the "locavores", food enthusiasts, market goers, and home chefs for making our goal of fresh, local, fruits and veggies sustainably a reality.

Latest News....

Phil and Christie Hansen

2015 is off to a great start! We are looking forward to what this year has to offer!

All our efforts are gearing up to get the growing season started...from ordering/starting/transplanting seeds, planning rotation crops for the fields, cleaning the greenhouses and field equipment, and clearing the fields! There is not a dull day here on the farm!

Planning for garden start varieties is in full swing also. This year we will be offering many of our favorite heirlooms, open-pollinated, and hybrid varieties that we have grown for the past 10+ years as well as many new-to-us varieties. We are diligent to not purchase, offer or grow GMO seeds or food.

Our mix of garden starts includes many different varieties of tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers, ground cherries, pumpkins, melons, flowers and other great things for your garden! Most, if not all, varieties are tried and true for our Pacific Northwest valley climate. Check out the Garden Start page for a printable list of varieties available. Or go directly to a specific list at our Tomato, Pepper, and Other garden start pages.

We grew over 100 heirloom/open-pollinated Pepper varieties and 125+ varieties of heirloom/open-pollinated Tomatoes in 2014! Not counting the numerous other garden necessities like heirloom flowers, cucumbers, summer and winter squash, herbs, and melons amongst other rare and hard to find vegetables! In 2015 we will continue with the tradition we've started and will be planting and growing almost all the varieties that have been started so that even if you don't buy a plant you have a chance to taste a range of different flavors!

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