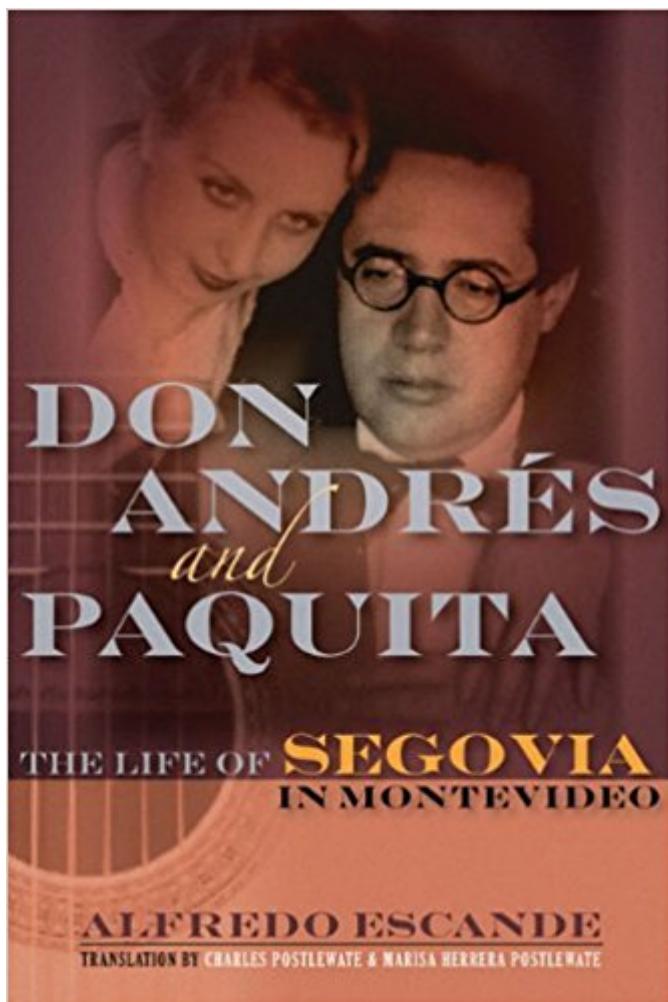


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Synopsis

(Amadeus). This heartbreakingly tale uncovers a mystery in the life of one of the most important personalities of the twentieth century, guitarist Andres Segovia (1893-1987). He married the widowed Paquita Madriguera (1900-1965), famous child prodigy pianist and prized student of Enrique Granados, in 1935 as his international career was blossoming. They fled their native Spain under death threats when the Spanish Civil War erupted in 1936 and began an odyssey that landed them in the Uruguayan capital. Segovia's support for the fascist Franco resulted in his banishment from the lucrative American concert scene, while the travel dangers of World War II further isolated him from the rest of the world. During this time, Segovia greatly enriched the guitar repertoire through numerous arrangements and collaborations with major composers via correspondence. It was also an era of happy family life with Paquita. The couple collaborated on two of the most important contemporary guitar concertos and traveled throughout Latin America to perform. Then tragedy struck as the guitarist became entangled with a beautiful Brazilian singer in an affair that ruined his marriage and brought tragic consequences to his family life. In writing his autobiography, Segovia could never face this period. With the help of tenacious research and Paquita's two surviving daughters, Alfredo Escande diligently lifts the veil of secrecy and reveals a magical age of music history framed around the couple's decade together.

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This book is excellent, and required reading for every fan of classical guitar. Segovia, himself, could

not bring himself to write about his failed marriage to Paquita. Other writers have not had the inclination or the information necessary to write this book. Kudos to Charles Postlewate and his wife for translating this important work into English. I am a dedicated amateur classical and flamenco guitarist with 57 years experience.

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This is a lovely translation by Charles and Marisa Postlewate of Alfredo Escande's fascinating account of the years Andres Segovia lived in Montevideo with his second wife, the pianist Paquita Madriguera. Escande's limpid and clear prose has been rendered into English with grace and elegance. The challenge for the biographer is to transform the raw materials of letters and reminiscence into a full-blooded portrait of remarkable human beings who lived and loved with passion. In this, Escande and his translators have succeeded brilliantly.

excellent book, giving insight in Segovia's stay in Uruguay.

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A wonderfully written, and well researched, history about two very important artists. Although sometimes overlapping in detail, I did not mind. Intriguing love affair!

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