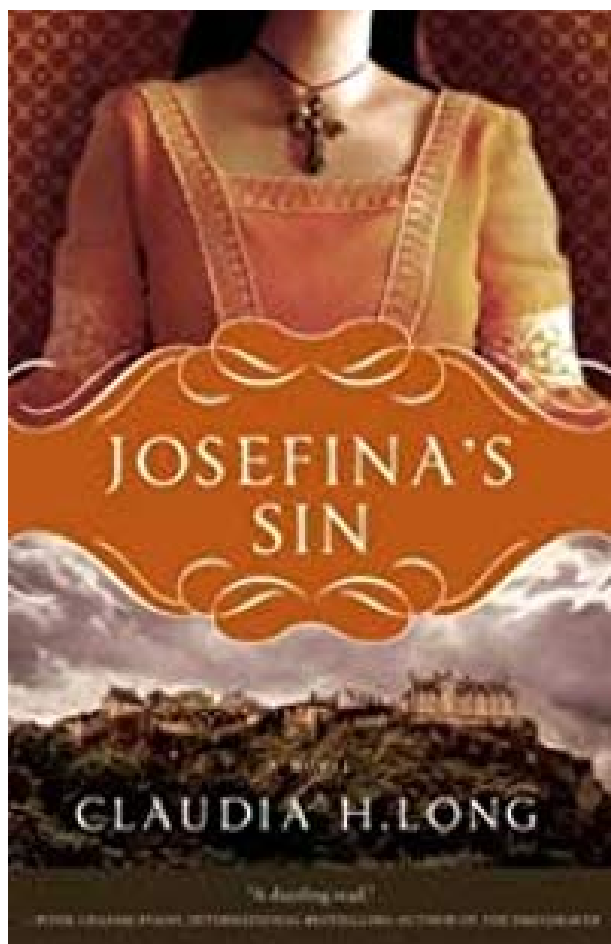


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Mexico, 1683. Lured by the imagined grandeur and adventure of the Viceroyal Court, Josefina, a sheltered landowner's wife, accepts an invitation from the Marquesa to come and socialize with the cultural elite. She is overwhelmed by the intensity of the Court's complicated world. While fighting off aggressive advances from the Marquesa's husband, she finds her marriage vows tested by the unexpected passion of the Bishop of Puebla. Amidst this drama, Josefina finds herself inexorably drawn to the nuns who study and write poetry at the risk of persecution by the Spanish Inquisition. One nun in particular, Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz, teaches Josefina about poetry, power, and the nature and consequences of love, all in the shadow of the Holy Office. She is Josefina's mentor and lynchpin during her tumultuous passage from grounded wife and mother to woman of this treacherous, confusing, and ultimately physically and intellectually fulfilling world.