



Sacred Passions: The Life and Music of Manuel de Falla

Carol A. Hess

Download now

[Click here](#) if your download doesn't start automatically

Sacred Passions: The Life and Music of Manuel de Falla

Carol A. Hess

Sacred Passions: The Life and Music of Manuel de Falla Carol A. Hess

The work of composer Manuel de Falla (1876-1946) ranges from late-romantic salon pieces to evocations of flamenco to stark neoclassicism. Yet his music has met with conflicting reactions, depending on the audience. In his native Spain, Falla is considered the most innovative composer of the first half of the twentieth century. Likewise, in the United States, Falla enjoyed a strong following in the concert hall. But many of his works, especially some of the "colorful" or "exotic" dances from *The Three-Cornered Hat* and *El Amor Brujo*, were taken up during the Latin music craze of the 1930s and 40s and appeared in everything from jazz and pop arrangements to MGM musicals. Similarly enigmatic are the details of Falla's life. He never sustained a lasting, intimate relationship with a woman, yet he created compelling female roles for the lyric stage. Although he became incensed when publishers altered his music, he more than once tinkered with Chopin and Debussy. Despite insisting that he was apolitical, Falla ultimately took sides in the Spanish Civil War, initially allying himself rather half-heartedly with Franco's Nationalists but later rejecting the honors they proffered. All his life, his rigorous brand of Roman Catholicism brought him both solace and agony in his quest for spiritual and artistic perfection.

In *Sacred Passions: The Life and Music of Manuel de Falla*, Carol A. Hess explores these contradictions and offers a fresh understanding of this fascinating composer. Building on over a decade of research, Hess examines Falla's work in terms of musical style and explores the cultural milieu in which he worked. During a seven-year sojourn to Paris just prior to World War I, Falla associated with composers Dukas, Stravinsky, Ravel, and the rest of the group known as *les Apaches*. Later, back in Spain, he played a pivotal role in the remarkable cultural renaissance known as the "Silver Age," during which Lorca, Buñuel, Dalí, Unamuno—and of course Falla himself—made some of their boldest artistic statements.

Hess also explores a number of myths cultivated in earlier biographies, including Falla's supposed misogynistic tendencies and accusations of homosexuality, which have led some biographers to consider him a saint-like ascetic. She offers a balanced view of his behavior during the Spanish Civil War, a wrenching event for a Spaniard of his generation, and one that Falla biographers have left largely untouched. With superb analysis of his music and enlightening detail about its critical reception, Hess also examines Falla's status in some circles as little more than a high-class pop composer, given the mass appeal of much of his music. She incorporates recent research on Falla, draws upon untapped sources in the Falla archives, and reevaluates his work in terms of current issues in musicology.

Ultimately, Hess places Falla's variegated oeuvre, which straddles popular and serious idioms, securely among the best of his better-known European contemporaries. What emerges is a gracefully written, balanced portrait of a man whose lofty spiritual values inspired singular musical utterances but were often at odds with the decidedly imperfect world he inhabited.

 [Download Sacred Passions: The Life and Music of Manuel de F ...pdf](#)

 [Read Online Sacred Passions: The Life and Music of Manuel de ...pdf](#)

Download and Read Free Online Sacred Passions: The Life and Music of Manuel de Falla Carol A. Hess

From reader reviews:

James Fitzgibbons:

Nowadays reading books become more than want or need but also be a life style. This reading addiction give you lot of advantages. Associate programs you got of course the knowledge the actual information inside the book which improve your knowledge and information. The information you get based on what kind of book you read, if you want drive more knowledge just go with education books but if you want really feel happy read one using theme for entertaining for instance comic or novel. The actual Sacred Passions: The Life and Music of Manuel de Falla is kind of book which is giving the reader erratic experience.

Errol Garvin:

This book untitled Sacred Passions: The Life and Music of Manuel de Falla to be one of several books that best seller in this year, that is because when you read this publication you can get a lot of benefit on it. You will easily to buy this kind of book in the book store or you can order it by way of online. The publisher in this book sells the e-book too. It makes you more easily to read this book, because you can read this book in your Smartphone. So there is no reason to your account to past this publication from your list.

James Gardner:

Often the book Sacred Passions: The Life and Music of Manuel de Falla will bring one to the new experience of reading some sort of book. The author style to describe the idea is very unique. If you try to find new book to read, this book very acceptable to you. The book Sacred Passions: The Life and Music of Manuel de Falla is much recommended to you to read. You can also get the e-book from your official web site, so you can quicker to read the book.

Lisa Loo:

Reading can called head hangout, why? Because if you are reading a book especially book entitled Sacred Passions: The Life and Music of Manuel de Falla your brain will drift away trough every dimension, wandering in every aspect that maybe not known for but surely might be your mind friends. Imaging each and every word written in a e-book then become one web form conclusion and explanation which maybe you never get previous to. The Sacred Passions: The Life and Music of Manuel de Falla giving you one more experience more than blown away your brain but also giving you useful information for your better life in this era. So now let us explain to you the relaxing pattern this is your body and mind will be pleased when you are finished studying it, like winning a casino game. Do you want to try this extraordinary wasting spare time activity?

**Download and Read Online Sacred Passions: The Life and Music of
Manual de Falla Carol A. Hess #NYKCPSB7LJX**

Read Sacred Passions: The Life and Music of Manuel de Falla by Carol A. Hess for online ebook

Sacred Passions: The Life and Music of Manuel de Falla by Carol A. Hess Free PDF d0wnl0ad, audio books, books to read, good books to read, cheap books, good books, online books, books online, book reviews epub, read books online, books to read online, online library, greatbooks to read, PDF best books to read, top books to read Sacred Passions: The Life and Music of Manuel de Falla by Carol A. Hess books to read online.

Online Sacred Passions: The Life and Music of Manuel de Falla by Carol A. Hess ebook PDF download

Sacred Passions: The Life and Music of Manuel de Falla by Carol A. Hess Doc

Sacred Passions: The Life and Music of Manuel de Falla by Carol A. Hess Mobipocket

Sacred Passions: The Life and Music of Manuel de Falla by Carol A. Hess EPub