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Study Up on Santa Fe's Spiritual History

A History of Spirituality in Santa Fe: The City of Holy Faith is the newest The History Press title. The book is by local author, Ana Pacheco, and is set to release on February 22, 2016.

Shaped by early volcanic activity, the Sangre De Cristo and Jemez Mountain ranges surrounding Santa Fe create a uniquely spiritual landscape. Centuries ago, the Anasazi and their Pueblo Indian descendants believed the land was sacred and established communities in the area. In the early seventeenth century, the Spanish brought Catholicism to Santa Fe and christened it the City of Holy Faith. Other European faiths arrived in the mid-nineteenth century. By the twentieth century, religions from the East, along with New Thought and New Age practitioners, had established a foothold in the capital city. Sikhism, the fifth-largest religion in the world, was introduced to the western hemisphere from Santa Fe. The nature-based UDV religion of Brazil founded its first center in the United States in Santa Fe, which also includes the four major lineages of Tibetan Buddhism. Santa Fe city historian Ana Pacheco documents the rich religious and spiritual history of this high-mountain metaphysical community.



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HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE BOOK

- This is the first book to be published on Santa Fe's diverse spirituality.
- This is also the first concise profile on the UDV Congregation in Santa Fe.
- Historical documentation links the Japanese Internment camp to the start of Buddhism in Santa Fe.



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Ana Pacheco *A History of Spirituality in Santa Fe
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Ana Pacheco is the city historian of Santa Fe. This is her seventh book on New Mexico history as the author/editor. She was the founding publisher and editor of *La Herencia*, a quarterly magazine on New Mexico history that she published from 1994 through 2009. From 2007 through September 2013, Pacheco wrote the weekly column “A Wonderful Life” for the *Santa Fe New Mexican*, documenting the oral histories of the elder community. In 2010, she published the official magazine for Santa Fe’s 400th anniversary.

Pacheco is the daughter of Jesús Pacheco and Natalie Ortiz. Her Ortiz ancestors settled in Santa Fe in 1694. Her mother was a descendant of Diego de Vargas, who led the resettlement of Santa Fe after the Pueblo Revolt of 1692. Don Gaspar Avenue is named after Natalie’s great-great-grandfather Don Gaspar Ortiz. The Ortiz Room at the Santa Fe Hilton Hotel and Ortiz Street located in the plaza area are named in honor of her grandfather seven times removed, Nicolás Ortiz. Her Pacheco ancestors arrived in Santa Cruz, New Mexico, in 1739 and moved to Santa Fe in the late 1800s. The busy thoroughfare Pacheco Street is named after Ana’s great-grandfather José de la Cruz Pacheco

What lasting impact do you hope your book will leave?

I hope that Santa Fe, the City of Holy Faith, is home to and welcomes all forms of spirituality.

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