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Spanish Rose, Yorkshire Thorns

MARTA CARDONA

Spanish Rose, Yorkshire Thorns starts in 1957 under the vivid blue skies of Catalonia. Wearing a white satin gown in a church surrounded by pine trees, Maria Salvans marries James, putting faith in their future together despite her and her family's doubts.

The young couple emigrate to Yorkshire to work at a grand house on the outskirts of Leeds. But Maria's hopes of a better life turn to disappointment. England can be a cold and unwelcoming place, and the romance soon fades as her husband proves to be feckless and selfish, more interested in repairing cars than taking care of his growing family.

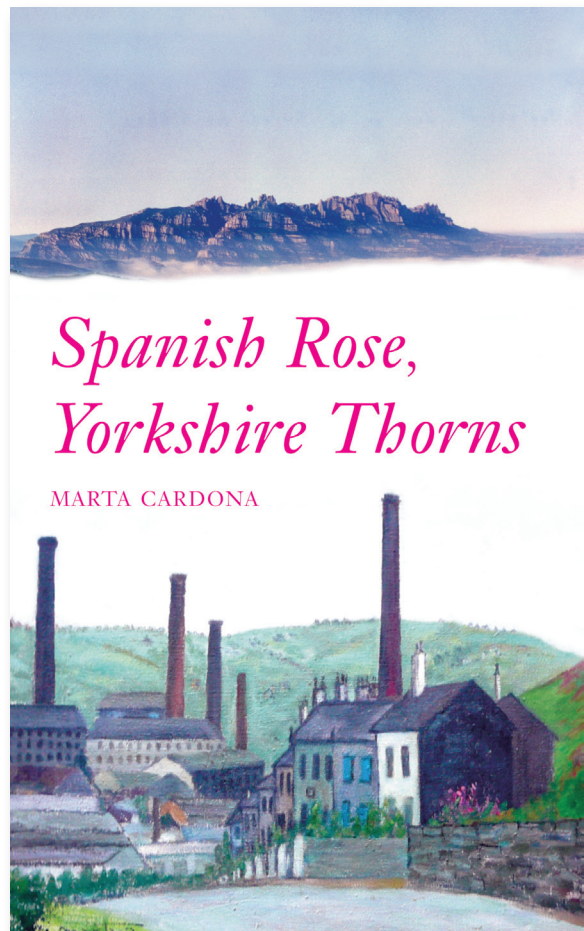
Faced with betrayal by those around her, Maria calls upon her endurance and resourcefulness to raise her children and keep a roof over their heads, eventually finding a strength and independence that she would never have thought possible.

Catalan author Marta Cardona's first novel in English vividly brings to life the atmosphere of Leeds and Huddersfield in the 1950s and 1960s. Yet Maria's own inner thoughts and struggles are just as clearly portrayed, by a powerful and authentic Catalan voice.

A book to lose yourself in, *Spanish Rose, Yorkshire Thorns* will speak to anyone who has suffered heartbreak or betrayal. With lifelike characters and an exciting story, *Spanish Rose, Yorkshire Thorns* will not disappoint.

About the author:

Marta Cardona was born in Catalonia, but has lived in Yorkshire for many years. *Spanish Rose, Yorkshire Thorns* is her first novel in English.



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