



The Three Marias

“New Portuguese Letters”

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Costa



Two years before the end of the right-wing dictatorship in Portugal, three writers published a book about the discrimination against women, relating it to the political repression and the power of the Catholic Church. It also revealed the situation of women regarding marriage, motherhood and sexuality.

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Maria Isabel Barreno

Lisbon, July
10th, 1939

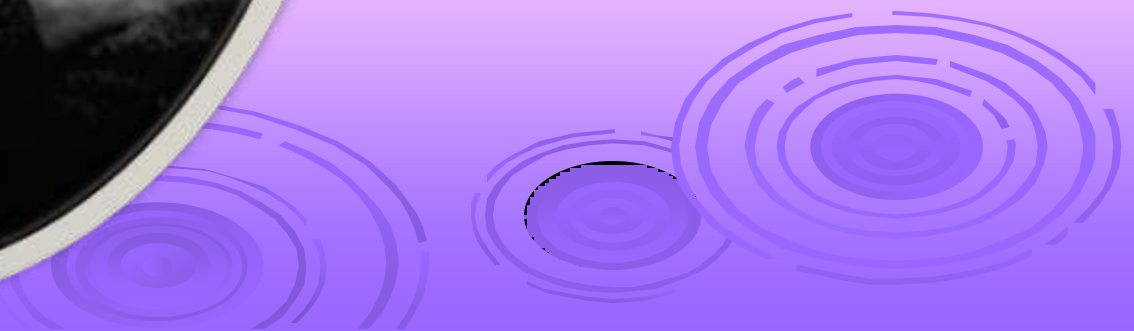
Maria Isabel Barreno graduated in Science, History and Philosophy. She's a novelist and essayist.





Maria Velho da Costa

Lisbon, June
26th, 1938



Maria Velho da Costa graduated in Germanic Philology and is a teacher and novelist.





Maria Teresa Horta

Lisbon, May
20th, 1937



Maria Teresa Horta graduated from the University of Lisbon, and is a writer and journalist.



THEY DARED TO SPEAK OUT...



...and take part in the
Portuguese Feminist
Movement.

“New Portuguese Letters” came out in April 1972.

The book has one great theme - the liberation of women.

It was later published in several languages.



These three talented women boldly flaunted their book in the face of Portuguese authorities who charged them with obscenity. Taken to trial, they made world headlines, were ultimately vindicated and emerged as international heroes.



Their masterful book transcends any controversy of the moment and stands as a vital, crucially important document, an intimately feminine portrayal of the human condition as it is shared by both sexes.



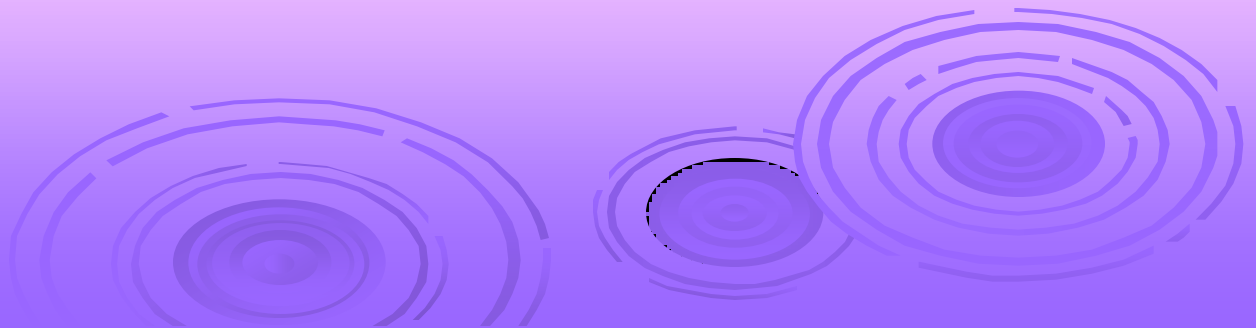
The reasons for their fight

They didn't just fight for the emancipation of women, but also for their liberation and freedom.



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