

La Santa Muerte

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Maria is a bright, attractive and happy sixteen year old living in Tijuana, Mexico. On the outskirts of her happy existence lies a city under siege, a melting pot where cultures clash and warring drug cartels rule, a criminal underworld of gangsters who worship self-made unholy saints.

Maria befriends Antonio, a popular and sporty boy in her school, and they soon fall deeply in love. Maria's world is turned upside down when Antonio suddenly leaves without trace. She despairs of finding him in a community where men disappear constantly, where there is a violent, bloody war and Tijuana is the front line. In the midst of this mayhem, Maria finds herself in the centre of a hit and run murder trial as a witness. Bit by bit, her life descends into chaos.

She falls out with her friends and argues with her parents as she tries to fight for justice and the freedom of choice. She carries on her search for Antonio even though she is pursued and threatened from all sides and she quickly discovers how few people she can trust. She realizes that those closest to her could be her greatest antagonists, possibly even her family. They have everything to lose and by association Maria is in danger too. But her will is strong and she deflects those who mislead her until eventually her belief is rewarded. She finds Antonio - along with her destiny.

First in a trilogy that follows Maria and Antonio as they navigate the dangers of life in contemporary Mexico.

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