

The Queen Of Washington - Francis Hamit

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This is a novel about Confederate spy Rose Greenhow which posits that she began spying even before the Mexican War for the French and British, aiding their efforts to frustrate Manifest Destiny and divide the United States because she wanted the South to secede and become a separate nation. The narrative begins in 1850 in Mexico City and San Francisco with her and her husband becoming involved in the Limantour land claims and she becoming involved with Limantour, a French merchant and possible secret agent. She returns to Washington to reclaim her social and political position as "The Queen of Washington" while her husband takes a job with the California Land Commission, where he meets his predecessor, Judah P. Benjamin, who is soon to become a U.S. Senator from Louisiana. He also opens a private law practice for Chinese clients and becomes involved with his beautiful Chinese language teacher. As the nation moves towards Civil War he apparently dies and Rose uses her connections and sexuality to become the most powerful woman in Washington. She organizes a Confederate spy ring made up of high society women and discovers the plans for the first Union Army campaign to crush the Rebels. When she sends an alert by courier, the South wins the battle. Her affair with a Union officer to gain information about the city defenses leads to her arrest by Allan Pinkerton. She is placed under house arrest, under very bad conditions and later sent to the Old Capitol Prison. Finally released through the efforts of a former lover, she finds a warm welcome in Richmond and that Judah Benjamin, who is now the head of the Confederate Secret Service, has further work for her. Author: Hamit, Francis Publisher: Francis Hamit Electronic Publishing Illustration: N Language: ENG Title: THE QUEEN OF WASHINGTON Pages: 00000 (Encrypted PDF) On Sale: 2012-11-09 SKU-13/ISBN: 9781595951717 Category: Fiction : Espionage Category: Fiction : Historical - General

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