

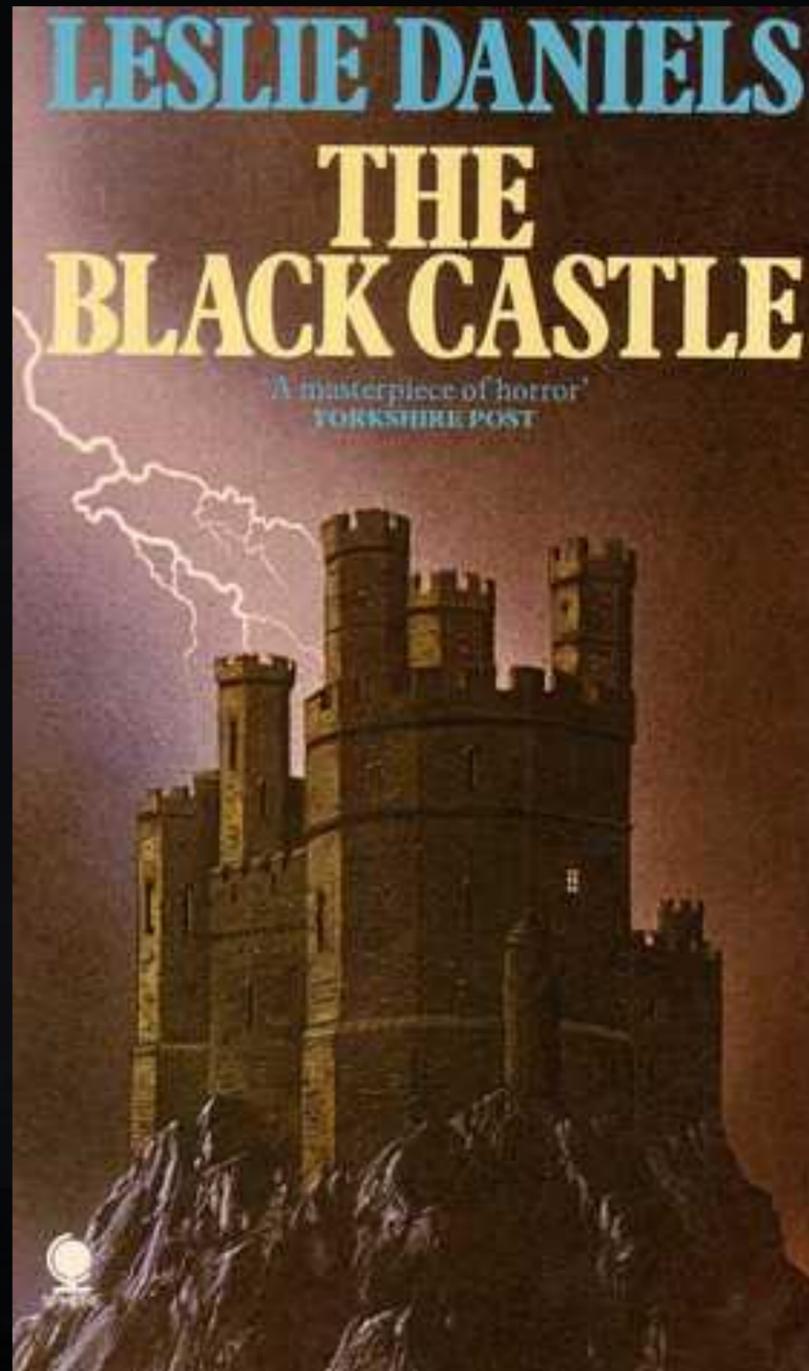


THE BLACK CASTLE

CHIVALRY IS UNDEAD.

The **Forbidden Love** Between 15th Century **Knight** Don Sebastian de Aragón
and Jewish **Alchemist** Ana de Costa

Sparks **Immortality**, Challenges **History** and Transcends **Time**.



Based on internationally acclaimed fantasy novels

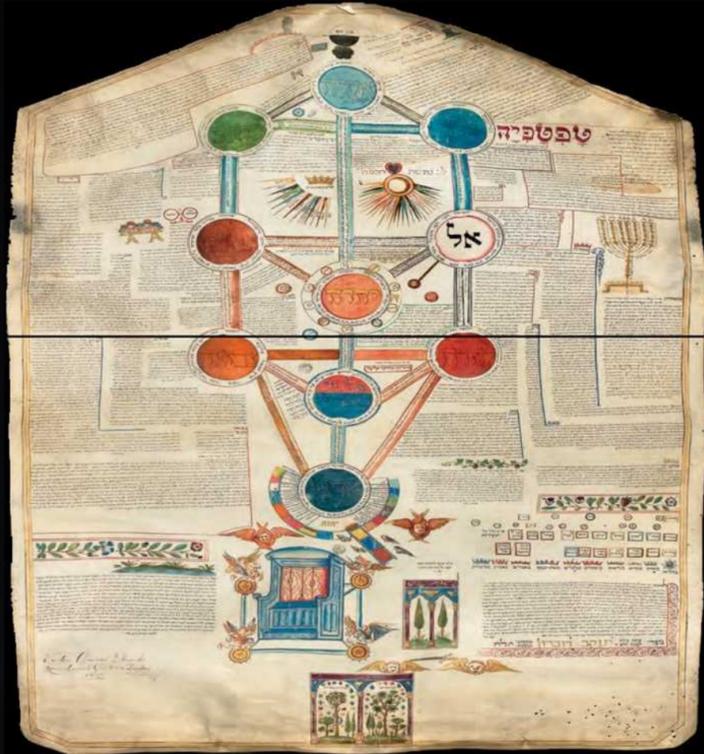
THE DON SEBASTIAN CHRONICLES
by Les Daniels

5 Books - 5 Centuries - 3 Continents

“Les Daniels’ novels are creepy, rewarding and fun.” –
Stephen King

ALL BOOKS ARE OPTIONED

THE STORY



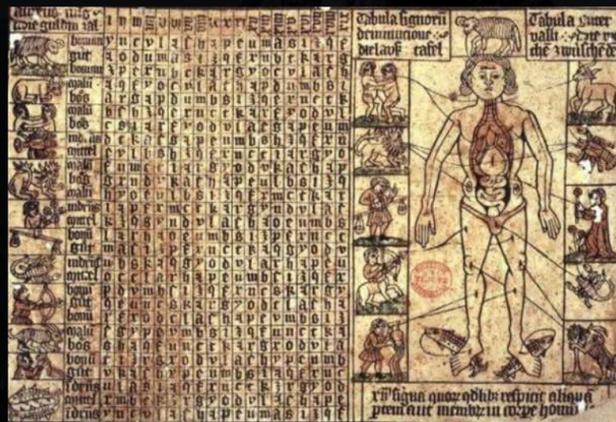
A dark, ironic historical fantasy set in early Inquisition Spain and Europe, weaving real figures and moments from history with the love story between a Vampire Knight and Sephardi Alchemist wife as they try to alter the course of history through magical intervention.

At the dawn of 1480's Spain's Inquisition, Sebastian of Aragón, a legendary, chivalrous Lord and Knight in good favor of The Catholic Monarchs, King Fernando and Isabel, defies the crown to marry Ana De Costa, a brilliant wealthy Jewess and a secret Hebraic Alchemist. Ana's skills save Sebastian's life: when he is mortally wounded, her magic serums and prayers revive him - but also, unintentionally, render him immortal.



This bond between them is soul deep, complicated and unbreakable. They embrace his new skills and do what they must to stay together, raise their infant son, and help oppressed Jews, Moors and Gypsies on the crown's kill-list to avoid the pyre. They weaponize his gift and talents to undermine the devious monarchy, deadly Inquisition - and Diego, Sebastian's half-brother and corrupt local Inquisitor. All mix and interact with key figures of the time, and a few great heroes from the grave as well.

Real characters include Kings, Queens, Inquisitors, Rabbis, Exorcists, Knights, Explorers, Muslims, Gypsies, Witches, and Supernatural elements based on mythological figures.



REFERENCES

COMPARABLE SHOWS

THE BLACK CASTLE will have:

The sense of chivalry, strong characters and diversity of **GAME OF THRONES**.

The royal history and politics of **THE TUDORS**.

The sexy and witty energy of **THE GREAT**.

The romance and sensual chemistry of **OUTLANDER**.

The bold and ethereal visuals of **THE GREEN KNIGHT**.



LATINX HISTORY AND HERITAGE

The Medieval age gives way to Early Renaissance through a dark veil.

So begins the Latinx History... and the unbreakable tie of DNA between Spain and The New World.

The Black Castle series launches at the turning points of Inquisitional Spain of Isabel, Fernando, Columbus... as Don Sebastian, 7th Lord of Aragón, **Vampire Knight, aligns with the Sephardic Jews who fund the Great Voyages and practice powerful ancient Kabbala Alchemy for protection.** Muslim Kings quarrel, weakening their last stand in Granada, giving Fernando the final advantage.

This powerful alignment literally births Latinx History, explores the **untold stories of the fascinating history of Spain's great races and cultures: the Sephardi, Indian Gypsies, Muslim Arabs, Catholics, and late Celts** told through the eyes of a chivalrous Knight made Vampire by his Sephardi Alchemist wife..

A fascinating opportunity to explore Latinx History of the New World exists here. It draws Spain to Mexico, where Book 2 "*The Silver Skull*" blends and spills Spanish and Aztec blood. Major Roles for Latin actors include: Rabbi Josef Rubino, his wife Miriam, Abel and Marta de Costa, Inquisitor General Torquemada, King Joao II of Portugal, Informant Carlos Gomez, Margarita de Mendoza, Alchemist Don Abraham, Architect Juan Guas and more.

MAIN CAST & CHARACTERS - 1

DON SEBASTIAN
DE LA VILLANUEVA

ANA DE
COSTA
Aura Garrido

DIEGO DE LA
VILLANUEVA
Sergio Peris-Mencheta

PEDRO
RODRÍGUEZ

FEZ
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Spain's most eligible bachelor marries a social pariah, Ana de Costa, on the eve of the Inquisition. His integrity, devotion & love for her never wavers, even when she accidentally makes him an immortal being: a vampire.

Wealthy Jewess and accomplished alchemist. She secretly practices and studies the mysteries of the blood, which will save Sebastian's life.

Ambitious persecutor, envious of his half-brother Sebastian. Eager to punish, loathe to forgive, he lives to destroy Ana and to please his queen Isabel, but his darkest secret will undo him.

Spanish morisco squire Pedro Rodriguez is a wry, noble, intelligent, sometimes poetic, oft skeptical, blunt, seasoned, graceful and thoughtful warrior strategist. He's Don Sebastian's friend and confidant.

Sebastian's faithful page, clever hawk trainer & carriage driver, Fez risks his life to save Ana, frees Jews and protects Sebastian's secrets. He raises bulls to feed Sebastian's blood thirst and remains loyal through his own misfortunes.

ALL TALENTS ABOVE HAVE PRESENTED L.O.I.s (see Cast Consideration Document for more cast and information)

MAIN CAST & CHARACTERS - 2

AZÚCAR
Pooja Batra



1st Generation Indian Spanish beauty, skilled Winemaker, clairvoyant lover of possessive Lord Rodrigo, Azúcar runs Sebastian's winery, farming the local poppies for their opium as a secret ingredient in the Royal reserve.

QUEEN ISABEL I
Emma Suárez



Isabel sanctions Ana's arrest, torture and burning. She has bigger plans for Sebastian in her reign. A manipulator, a proud lusty woman at the pinnacle of power, losing her family to ambition, and a curse.

KING FERDINAND OF SPAIN
Alberto San Juan



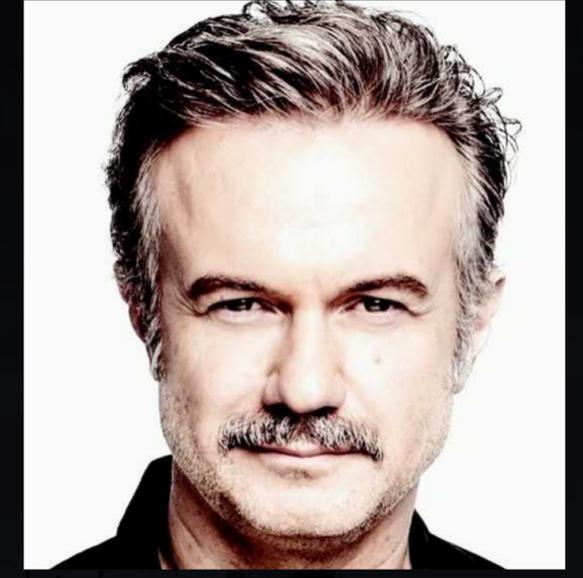
His wandering eye and taste for easy glory give his queen the ammunition she needs to truly rule. Recognizing his illegitimate children poisons his marriage and his brief reign after Isabel's death is corrupt with betrayals.

URRACA, WITCH QUEEN OF ASTURIAS
Lidia Porto



Immortal, fascinating, demanding queen, also known as Urraca the Restless - based on a true story - the 12th century Urraca of Castile, León and Galicia ruled for 17 years. Urraca discovered immortality through orchids and loads of ancient magic.

FRIAR AGÜERO
Tristán Ulloa

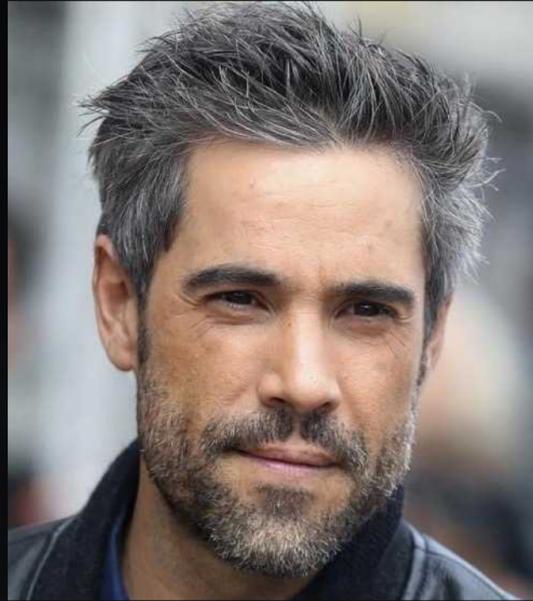


A disgraced friar who finds Diego's weak spot and exploits it. He arranges for the Jewish homes to be pillaged, and orders extreme torture machines from Germany's top exorcists.. His greed and gluttony is his undoing.

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MAIN CAST & CHARACTERS - 2

FRIAR MIGUEL
Unax Ugalde



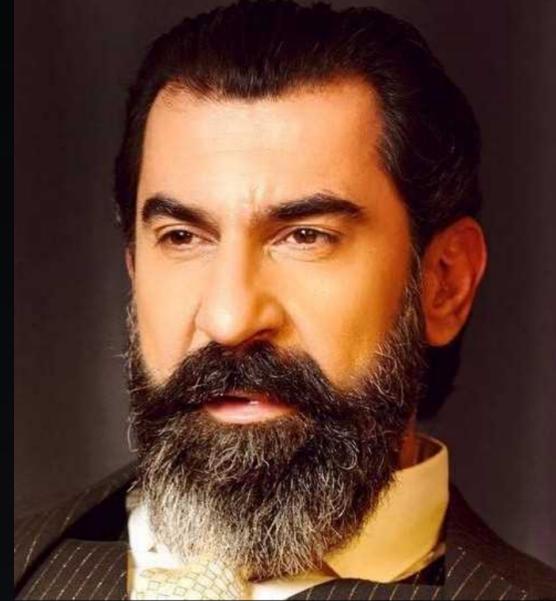
Reluctant renegade, mild-mannered Friar Miguel seeks justice for Jews + undermines Diego. Disgusted by the Inquisition, he joins Sebastian and Ana in their flight from Spain. In the sight of their great romance, lonely Miguel wavers on celibacy, chooses love over obedience, honesty over allegiance. Learns to use a sword when prayers fail.

ESTÉBAN
Douglas Spain



Immaculate, neurotic gay converso, manager/majordomo of The Black Castle for 15 Years, he understands beauty and entertainment. His Sephardi heritage was of no concern to Rodrigo, whose progressive values live on in Sebastian. However that is where the resemblance between father and son ends, and Esteban has difficulty adjusting.

AL-ZAGAL
Nawab Shah



The Valiant Muhammad XIII of Granada. Governor of Malaga, warlord, uncle and nemesis of King Boabdil. In **THE BLACK CASTLE**, he is the warlord of the deceased father of FEZ - the young warrior captured at Málaga who is given the chance to live as a free man in Aragon by Sebastian, 7th Lord Aragon.

DON RODRIGO DE LA VILLANUEVA
Ginés García Millán



6th Lord of Aragón, father of Sebastian and Diego, multi-faceted Rodrigo is a great warrior, but unpredictable and mercurial as a leader, father and lord. Rodrigo is a jester and a trickster, but he's no racist; his trusted Squire Pedro is a Moor, his Majordomo is a Jew. His truest loyalty is to Azúcar, his magnificent Indian- Gypsy mistress for 20 years.

HISTORICAL CHARACTERS INCLUDE:

CRISTOPHER COLUMBUS, LEONARDO DA VINCI, BEATRIZ DE BOBADILLA, MANUEL THE FORTUNATE, ISAAC ABRAVANEL, SIR GEFROI DE CHARNY, SIR THOMAS HAWKE, TORQUEMADA, HEINRICH KRAMER...
and more.

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SUMMARY OF FIRST EPISODES

FIRST SEASON: 10 EPISODES (ALL WRITTEN)

EPISODE 1: CHIVALRY IS UNDEAD



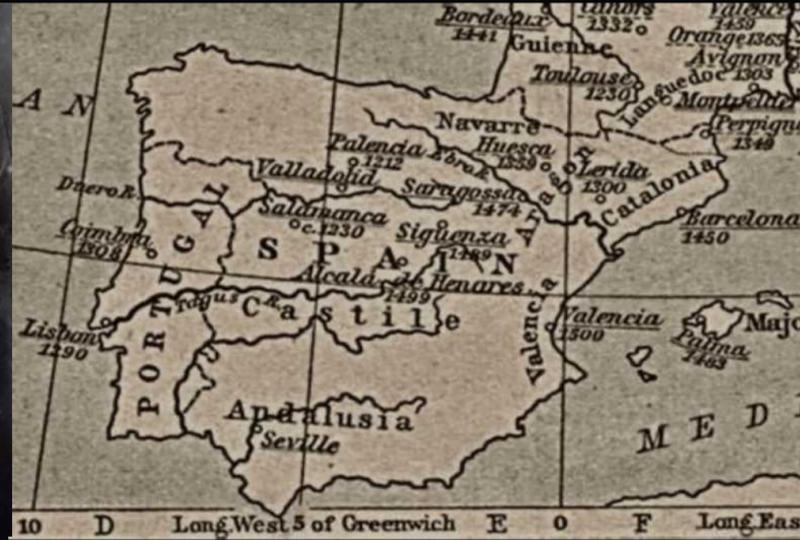
Sebastian becomes heir when his father dies. King Fernando grants Sebastian The Black Castle in gratitude. Sebastian invests in Christopher Columbus' voyage and plans to man the ship with Jews. Sebastian meets Ana at Diego's pyre, disrupting an Auto da Fe. He brings her to safety in Aragón. After their first declaration of love, Sebastian is killed by a Holy House thug looting the Jewish Quarter. Ana restores him to life with alchemy.

EPISODE 2: A KNIGHT REBORN



Sebastian's body chemistry adapts from dead to undead, as a thirst for blood begins to claw. Diego discovers a taste for dungeon torture, confessions flow like wine. Sebastian 'surprises' Ana with a proposal. She is uncertain as she must convert to accept him. Isabel enlists Charlotte of Cognac, a sham Burgundian "Countess"- to marry Sebastian. Pedro hires a spy to trap Diego for Sebastian's 'murder'.

EPISODE 3: THE TRAIL OF BLOOD



Ana accepts Sebastian's proposal to Rabbi's great distress, but finds an unexpected ally in the rambunctious ghost of Lord Rodrigo. Carlos Gómez, shocked to see Sebastian alive, confesses to Friar Agüero. Agüero leaves Aragón for Nüremberg to buy high-end torture gear from The Witches Hammer men. Sebastian is summoned by Isabel to court to meet Charlotte her bride for him. In a rage, Sebastian drinks Charlotte's blood. Fernando demands Sebastian return to war.

EPISODE 4: EXQUISITE TORTURE



Furious, Sebastian returns to battle briefly for Fernando and discovers that he can't die. Pedro and Marie return Charlotte's body to Beaune and discover she's a witch. Friar Agüero lands in Nüremberg, the German Inquisitors smell his fraudulence, take him to an exorcism. Sebastian returns from battle to Ana. He demonstrates his new talent of not dying. They deem this curse a blessing.

LOCATIONS & IMAGERY



Loarre Castle, Aragón County,
Huesca, Burgundy,
Nuremberg, Madrid, Toledo,
Zaragoza, Barcelona, Andalusia,
Asturias, Trasmoz... and more.



OUR WORK, RESEARCH & INSPIRATION

- ❖ A deep dive into Spanish history & culture, but - above all - into **the “Other” Spain**, the one made by the neglected and rejected during the reign of Isabel and Ferdinand: Moors/Arabs, Jewish, Gypsies.
 - ❖ Extensive research in Ancient Jewish Magic and Formulas.
- ❖ Profound studies on magic, religion, traditions, weaponry & chivalry culture, music, art & literature.
 - ❖ International, diverse and renowned **talent** with confirmed Letters of Interest.
 - ❖ 10 **Episodes** written.
 - ❖ A solid international and **experienced team**.

THE TEAM

JUDI JORDAN
Writer & Creator



LA-based entertainment journalist and screenwriter, former Paris designer, Judi found the books, optioned them, traveled the length of Spain researching Medieval history, royalty, Alchemy, Sephardi, Gypsies. This TV show contains all her passion for history, magic and Spanish culture.

JASMIN ESPADA
Producer



Award-winning entertainment publicist & producer, focused on the Latinx Sector. Founder of Espada PR, now the go-to publicity house for A-list Latino talent. Espada Entertainment production credits include The Journey Ahead and The Detective. A member of the Television Academy, she sits on several boards: City National Bank Advisory Board, National Puerto Rican Day Parade Board of Directors.

PABLO BARINAGA
Creative Producer (Spain)



Renowned producer and UPM, often collaborator of Fresco Film (the most trusted production services company in Spain, local production company for Game of Thrones). Known for his work in Warrior Nun, Jack Ryan, Snatch, Emerald City and more, Pablo has more than 20 years experience leading Production Departments in film, TV and documentaries in Spain and abroad.

ANNALISA G. DUNKER
Associate Producer



Versatile producer & creative, born and raised in Italy, with more than 10 years experience in production, casting and tv-show development in Barcelona (Spain). Connector and organizer. Her knowledge of the Spanish industry and language functions as a bridge between US and Europe.

LÍA CHAPMAN
Casting Consultant (Spain)



Award-winning actress, director and producer, born in the Dominican Republic, raised in New York and based in Madrid. Founder of "Mis Tres Hermanas Production", Lía has worked with Julian Schnabel, Fernando Trueba and Antonio Banderas.. In 2020 she published her first book, "El Coraje del Actor - The Courage of the Actor".



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