Record Nr. UNINA9910962497103321 Autore Maria de San Jose <1548-1603.> Titolo Book for the hour of recreation / / Maria de San Jose Salazar; introduction and notes by Alison Weber; translation by Amanda Powell Chicago,: University of Chicago Press, 2002 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 9786611126049 9781281126047 1281126047 9780226734620 0226734625 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (205 p.) Collana Other voice in early modern Europe Altri autori (Persone) WeberAlison <1947-> PowellAmanda Disciplina 282/.092 В Soggetti Christian saints - Spain - Avila Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Description based upon print version of record. Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references (p. 165-168) and index. Nota di contenuto Front matter -- Content -- Introduction to the Series -- Chronology of the Life of María de San José Salazar -- Introduction of the Life of María de San José Salazar -- A Note on the Translation -- Book for the Hour of Recreation -- Suggestions for Further Reading -- Index María de San José Salazar (1548-1603) took the veil as a Discalced Sommario/riassunto ("barefoot") Carmelite nun in 1571, becoming one of Teresa of Avila's most important collaborators in religious reform and serving as prioress of the Seville and Lisbon convents. Within the parameters of the strict Catholic Reformation in Spain, María fiercely defended women's rights to define their own spiritual experience and to teach. inspire, and lead other women in reforming their church. María wrote this book as a defense of the Discalced practice of setting aside two hours each day for conversation, music, and staging of religious plays. Casting the book in the form of a dialogue, María demonstrates through fictional conversations among a group of nuns during their hours of recreation how women could serve as very effective spiritual

teachers for each other. The book includes one of the first biographical

portraits of Teresa and Maria's personal account of the troubled founding of the Discalced convent at Seville, as well as her tribulations as an Inquisitional suspect. Rich in allusions to women's affective relationships in the early modern convent, Book for the Hour of Recreation also serves as an example of how a woman might write when relatively free of clerical censorship and expectations. A detailed introduction and notes by Alison Weber provide historical and biographical context for Amanda Powell's fluid translation.