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**Concha Espina**  (1869-1955)

(Concepción Espina y Tagle, Spanish realist-poetical "local color" and psychological novelist, "generación del 98"; b. Santander, conservative high-class Catholic background with economic difficulties; moved to Mazcuerras with grand-parents, 1893 m. Ramón de la Serna y Cueto, moved to family business in Chile; failed business, wrote in *El Correo de Buenos Aires,* back to Mazcuerras and Cabezón de la Sal; 5 children, Ramón, Víctor, José (died soon), Josefina, Luis; winner of literary prize at *La Semana* 1908, became novelist, separated from husband, moved to Madrid supported by Menéndez Pelayo brothers and José del Río Sáinz, poverty; l. with her children and friend, confident and assistant Julia de los Ríos, wrote in *ABC, Lecturas,* etc. literary salon "Los miércoles de Concha Espina", with García Lorca, Gerardo Diego, Antonio Machado, etc. Hija Predilecta de la Ciudad de Santander; monument at the Jardines de Pereda by Victorio Macho, by popular subscription; Jardín de Concha Espina works inaugurated by the King and Queen; Banda de Damas Nobles de la Reina María Luisa 1927, Mazcuerras renamed "Luzmela" in her honour, rejected title of "Marquess of Luzmela"; candidate to RAE supported by the King, Medalla de Arte y Literatura de la Hispanic Society, Vice-President of the Hispanic Society, NY, 1943, twice candidate to the Nobel Prize, not supported by the RAE; Gran Cordón de Isabel la Católica; lost sight in the mid 30s, divorced 1934 thanks to Clara Campoamor; became member of Falange Española and supported Franquist rebellion, operated by Barraquer not successfully after the war, monument in Mazcuerras 1947; José María de Cossío supported candidacy to RAE again, again failed in spite of her having 3 academy prizes, Espinosa y Cortina, Fastenrath, and Premio Nacional de Literatura, Gran Cruz de Alfonso X el Sabio 1948; Medalla de la Academia de Letras y Artes de Córdoba 1949; Medalla de Mérito al Trabajo awarded by Girón; collab. in magazines and radio, several works adapted to film, died while writing autobiographical novel)

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