

Bienvenido al mundo de The Spanish Daughter

Growing up in Ecuador, I often heard in my history and economics classes about the cacao bonanza of the early 20th century. To me, it was just boring, bland information I had to memorize for school. That is until I heard about Vinces, a small town in the coastal region of Ecuador with its own Eiffel Tower! Known as the "birthplace of cacao," Vinces was nicknamed Paris Chiquito, or "Little Paris," in the early 1900s when French landowners brought wealth and cultural influence to the area...they even built a small replica of the Eiffel Tower in its plaza.

It got me thinking about the people who might have lived there when that tower was constructed—their idiosyncrasies, their secrets, their dreams, their motivations, and how these might invariably clash with one another's. This became fertile ground for *The Spanish Daughter*, the story of a French landowner's family fighting over the inheritance of his plantation in Ecuador.

Much of what's shown on this map—Don Armand's plantation, Hacienda La Puri, the homes of its inhabitants, and neighbors—exists only in *The Spanish Daughter*. But the cacao fields that became the fertilizer for their survival and the rich history of the town of Vinces with its Eiffel Tower are both very real.

I hope you enjoy your time here!

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Chanel Cleeton meets Deanna Raybourn in *The Spanish Daughter*, a lush and riveting historical novel set on a cacao plantation in 1920 Ecuador, as a young chocolatier must impersonate a man to claim her birthright.

