

# Tales of the Alhambra

*author: Washington Irving*

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## Synopsis

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Written in 1831, Irving's dreamlike description of the Alhambra, the beautiful Moorish castle that defined the height of Moorish civilization, and the surrounding territory of Granada remains one of the best guidebooks to the region and one of the most entertaining travelogues ever written. A heady mix of historical fact, medieval myth and mystery, sensual descriptions, and an appreciation for a civilization which valued beauty, philosophy, literature, science, and the arts on an equal level with warrior skills. Secret chambers, desperate battles, imprisoned princesses, palace ghosts, and fragrant gardens, described in a wistful and dreamlike eloquence will transport the listener to a paradise of his own. The narrative is bewitchingly enhanced by Spanish guitar music. *Tales of the Alhambra* is a delightful offering for the romantic on anyone's holiday list.

## Reader's comments

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