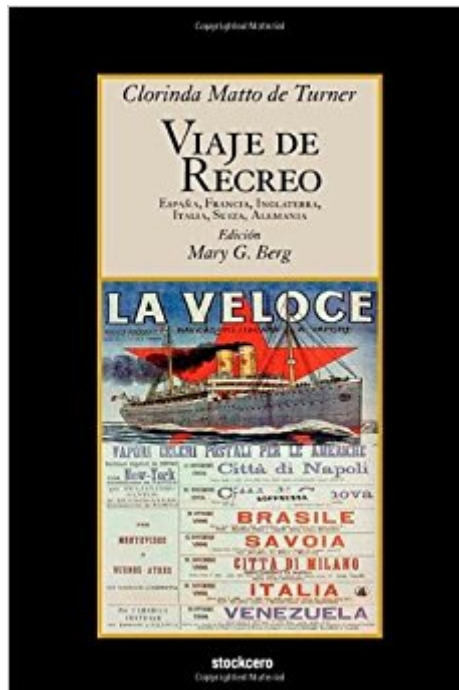




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In 1908, Clorinda Matto de Turner (Peru 1852-Argentina 1909), a lifelong journalist, feminist and writer, traveled to Europe: *Viaje de recreo* (Pleasure trip) is her account of her vivid impressions. She was particularly interested in the education of women and in women's career opportunities, but she was also fascinated by the cultural differences between the West European countries. Her analysis and descriptions will fascinate anyone interested in the genre of travel accounts, in museum studies, in feminist history, or, of course, in Matto's life and writings. In *Viaje de recreo*, Matto analyzes the cultural displays of Spain, France, England, and Italy in great detail, and comments on Switzerland and Germany as well. She is particularly intrigued by museums, art, architecture, and cultural productions. She speculates at length about the differences between the European countries. *Viaje de recreo* is both a perceptive travel memoir and a lively autobiography of personal reflections. Matto was profoundly moved by English honesty and honor, disappointed that French feminism did not meet her expectations, impressed by Spanish women writers and activists, and deeply impressed by the beauties of Italy. She frequently compares Roman ruins with Incan heritage in Peru, lamenting their replacement by less tolerant societies. She is impressed by new technologies - cars, trams, trains, electrical devices, escalators, factories - but even more fascinated by women's lives and presence in each country, and by the ways each country has preserved and displayed its cultural history. This new edition includes extensive footnotes as well as an introduction to the book and to its author, with bibliography. The editor, Mary G. Berg, is author of a dozen articles about Clorinda Matto de Turner, and has edited Matto's novels *Indole* and *Herencia* (Stockcero). She is a Resident Scholar at Brandeis University's Women's Studies Research Center, and is finishing a biography of Matto.

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