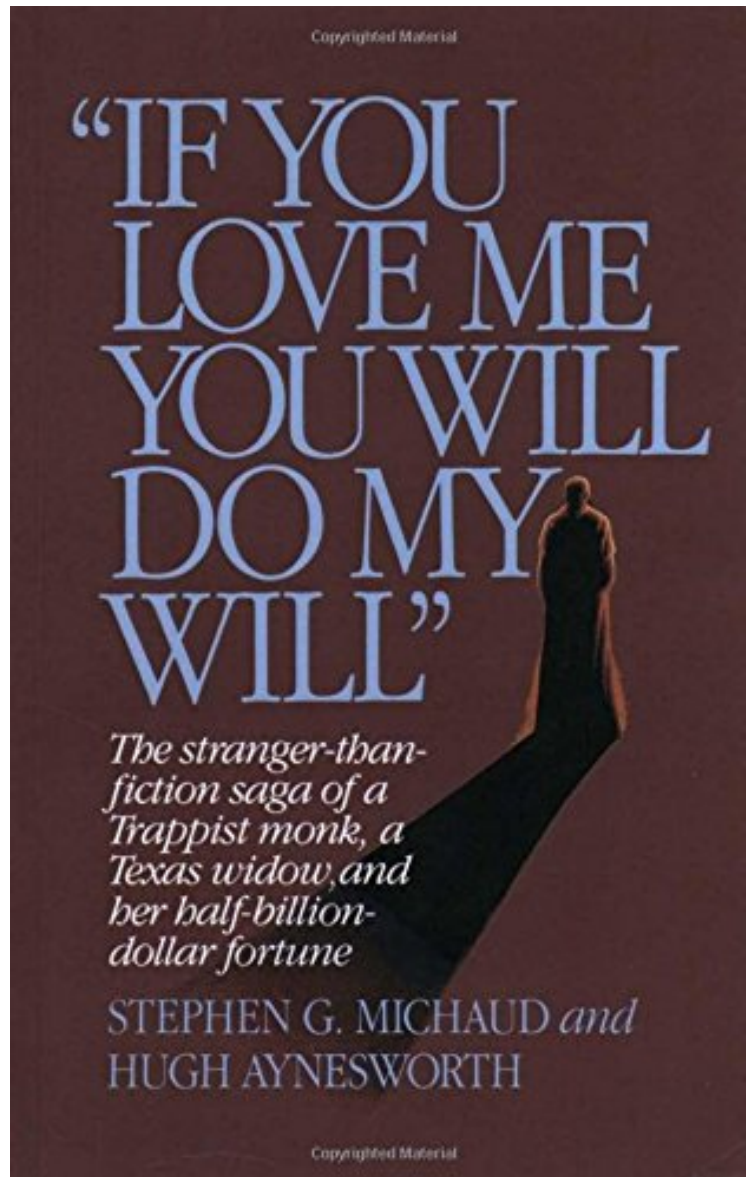


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Sarita Kenedy East is the aging mistress of 400 acres of south Texas rangeland. When a Trappist monk visits her in 1948, he discovers that underneath her empire lay an ocean of oil worth millions. When she dies, Sarita leaves her fortune to Leo, the monk, who encounters a firestorm of opposition including the Catholic Church. Illustrated.

From Publishers WeeklyNone of the key participants comes off well in this tale of legal feuding, greed, sanctimoniousness and self-interest. Sarita East, pious, alcoholic, a widow and Texas cattle rancher, fell under the spell of Brother Leo Gregory, a fund-raising, charismatic Trappist monk whom some have called a Svengali. He learned that beneath East's ranch lay pools of oil, valued at half a billion dollars. Upon her death in 1961, Brother Leo claimed control of the fortune. His friend, industrialist J. Peter Grace, the Trappists' business mentor, soon had a falling-out with the monk over the direction East's foundation should take. Other parties with a vested interest in her millions included her lawyer, the Roman Catholic Church and four warring brothers. The legal battle, fought over nearly three decades, engendered a web of intrigue that drew in Francis Cardinal Spellman and several popes. Michaud and Aynesworth, coauthors of *The Only Living Witness*, recreate a tangled affair with panache and keen irony. Photos. Copyright 1990 Reed Business Information, Inc.From Library JournalThe authors' fascination with an ambiguous duality in the human personality is as evident in this extensively researched tale of a wealthy Texas widow's will contest as it was in their previous collaboration on killer Ted Bundy, *The Only Living Witness* (LJ 1/15/83). Was Brother Leo a selfless spiritual leader inspiring Texas widow Sarita Kenedy East with the will of God about her wealth, or was he a charismatic fraud conning the defenseless widow for control of her millions? Although the book doesn't read as well as a novel, and is encumbered by a huge cast of characters, Texas collections will want to acquire this because it is the only book on the subject. Lawyers and lay readers alike can savor the pitfalls of sharp probate and corporate practice as they unfold in a Texas-size contest over Mrs. East's will and fortune.- Marcia Baker, Univ. of Arkansas Law Lib., FayettevilleCopyright 1990 Reed Business Information, Inc.About the AuthorStephen G. Michaud documents real-life crimes and legal cases. He has written with collaborator Hugh Aynesworth, Michaud's former colleague at Newsweek.Hugh Aynesworth is an investigative journalist. He has more than seventy-five awards and honors, including four nominations for Pulitzer Prizes for coverage of U.S. President John F. Kennedy's assassination, space flights, and other events.