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Gerald Brenan returned to Spain in 1949 for the first time since the Civil War. He was determined to see what had become of the country he loved, to speak to ordinary people and to experience life in small towns unvisited by foreigners. He had earlier lived in a remote village in the Sierra Nevada now he returned to a land in the grip of famine where guerrilleros roamed the mountains and thousands of people were reduced to living in caves.

Whether searching for his friend Lorca's unmarked grave, musing on the history of the great mosque in Córdoba and ancient synagogues in Toledo or chatting to provincial shopkeepers, Brenan was unfailingly perceptive. Although shadowed by police informers and harangued by Francoist priests, he was undeterred, and this witty and humane account of his visit illuminates a chapter of Spanish history that remains almost unknown. Franco's regime has now vanished, but its ghosts continue to haunt Spain. When they were alive, no one described the ogres and their victims more vividly than Gerald Brenan.

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The BÃ©mez Faces or the Faces of BÃ©mez is an alleged paranormal phenomenon in a private house in Spain which started in 1971 when residents claimed images of faces appeared in the concrete floor of the house. Located at the Pereira family home at Calle Real 5, BÃ©mez de la Moraleda, JaÃ©n, Andalusia, Spain, the BÃ©mez faces have been responsible for bringing large numbers of sightseers to BÃ©mez. THE FACE OF SPAIN does not provide a comprehensive history of the Spanish Civil War, but it does contain a lot of anecdotal evidence of the insanity and cruelty of those three years, as well as its oppressive aftermath which by then had extended almost a decade. Second, woven into the narrative are numerous interesting snippets of earlier history of the Iberian peninsula, extending back to the Romans, then through the Visigoths and Arabs, and on to the Bourbons and Habsburgs. And third, there are Brennan's frequent insightful and occasionally provocative observations about the Spanish " The latest Tweets from Face of Spain (@FaceofSpain). Offering you the latest news in Spanish #politics.Â Spaniards "have the ability to get over things like this, and grow in the face of difficult challenges," says Rajoy on Olympic bid failure. 0 replies 1 retweet 0 likes. Reply.