The Spanish writer, Jesusa Alfau Galván spent much of her life overshadowed by her illustrious Dominican grandfather, Don Manuel de Jesús Galván, author of well known novel, *Enriquillo*. In 1912 at the age of eighteen, she authored the novel *Los Débiles*, that was published in Spain. Galván moved to the United States in 1916, concentrated on her writing career, and was a contributor to the weekly *Las Novedades*. A 1930 edition of *Los Débiles* published by Prentice Hall, was prepared for use as a textbook in intermediate to advance Spanish-language courses. Jesusa began writing her thesis in English for a master of arts degree at the University of Wisconsin, but she died in Mexico in 1943 before completing the project. Her thesis, *Nomenclatura de los tejidos españoles del siglo XIII*, was translated into Spanish by her nephew, and published in 1969 by the Real Academia de la Lengua Española. Galván's life and work serves as a precursor to the literary Dominican community in the U.S. in the twenty-first century.