

Local author writes about her family's struggle with Nazi regime in Argentina

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CANYON CITY — Ana Cristina Evans Burgess, a native of Argentina now living in Canyon City, has released her latest work, "The Evita's Favorite."

The true story about her father, Argentinian politician Carlos Evans Villanueva, tells of the controversial history between Evita Peron's government and the Nazi regime in Argentina.

At the time she was born, Burgess' father was the governor of the province of Mendoza. His term was cut short upon the military revolution of September 1955, and ultimately he was imprisoned and their family persecuted.

Burgess said growing up in Argentina was "living in a world full of threats."

"The enemy was hardly visible; however, you could know they were there, always trying to set you up, which makes it harder for me to move forward," she said.

Burgess said she had to learn how to identify who was on her side and who wasn't and how to defend herself in a subtle manner. She said she couldn't express what she wanted, thought or felt, always keeping an inner dialog.

The events led to the long struggle in favor of democracy. In 2001, Burgess honored her father in her first work, "Carlos Evans: Mi Padre."

Following her father's sudden death at age 66, Burgess left the world of politics and pursued a career in work and organizational psychology.

At age 47, she traveled with a cousin to San Fran-



Images of Ana Burgess; her father, Argentinian politician Carlos Evans; and Argentinian first lady Evita Peron grace the cover of Burgess' latest book, "The Evita's Favorite."

cisco, and later married Ronald Burgess, with whom she lives in Canyon City. Through his encouragement, she expanded her first work and translated it into English, releasing it under the title

"The Evita's Favorite." Putting out such a personal story was sad, she said, having to admit against her will that many times she was a victim of her circumstances. "I could see the deep emo-

tional bond with my nanny and my father, and could understand the origin of the fear that still makes home in my



Ana Burgess

heart," Burgess said.

While writing the book, she learned to understand and appreciate her father's constant fight to build democracy in Argentina, even though it meant enduring difficult times, both for himself and his family.

Burgess said with this book she has accomplished her role in the history of her family as Carlos Evans' daughter, and as a biographer, thus achieving a pend-

ing goal in her life.

Her hope is that readers realize understanding the intricate world of politics isn't a waste of time.

"What happens in that world affects everyone, including their loved ones, no matter whether they want to admit it or not," Burgess said.

She would also like readers to see that choosing a life based on deep values is the only way to get away from feelings of emptiness and apathy.

"To have a meaningful life, people need to have strong inner desires that shape their lives with purpose and focus," Burgess said.

Burgess has published two other books in Spanish on work and organizational psychology and job searching.

"The Evita's Favorite" is available in E-book format.

Learn more about Burgess and all her works at www.theevitasfavorite.com.

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