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#### Review

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?Germaine Brée

"Maria Espinosa's translation... is remarkable for coming very close to the resonant vocabulary and its extraordinary images." ?V.S. Pritchett, *The New York Review of Books*

"*Lélia* is the story of woman's search for meaning in life, religious certainty, and sexual fulfillment... it is a strangely beautiful work, remarkable for its philosophical depth and lyric intensity and for the insight it lends to the complex character of George Sand." ?New Directions for Women

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