



## When the Slave Esperança Garcia Wrote a Letter

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Esperança Garcia, a Brazilian slave, wrote a letter to the governor in 1770 complaining about her treatment and asking for help. This is her story as she might have told it, with the sorrow and desperation of a wife and mother seeking help. The bold illustrations with patterned backgrounds and strong figures reflect the time and place with great skill. An exciting book because it is well told and visually rich, and also because Esperança Garcia spoke up for herself. Though it is unknown if she ever got a response, her courage is worth reading about. Ages 7-11.

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