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Have found the body of Miguel de Cervantes in Madrid?

A team seeks the writer

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USPA NEWS - Like a new adventure of Indiana Jones or a new case for scientists 'Bones' series it were, a team of forensic anthropologists and takes weeks piercing the bowels of a convent in Madrid, looking for the remains of Miguel de Cervantes, author of 'Don Quixote'. Now believe they have found his coffin.

Miguel de Cervantes is said to be "the prince" of Spanish literature. He has even given its name to an institute under the Government of Spain, which seeks to promote the use and the proper use of Spanish in the world, and the most important award of literature in Spanish is the Cervantes Prize, which is awarded every year the April 23, in the suburb of Alcalá de Henares, where the writer was born on September 29, 1547 and where he spent most of his life. He died in Madrid on April 22, 1616 and was buried the next day in the convent of the Trinity in the capital of Spain. Now, a multidisciplinary team of scientists seeking his tomb within its walls.

Cervantes was, above all, novelist, poet and playwright, but was also accounting and soldier. Serving weapons participated in the Battle of Lepanto, October 7, 1571, under orders two Juan de Austria. The September 26, 1575, the ship that returned to Spain was captured by the Turks. Cervantes was taken to Algiers and sold into slavery. He remained captive five years, until he was traded by the Trinitarian monks. Literary career began biggest Spanish author.

The notes he took during his captivity shaped comedies like 'The baths of Algiers' and also appear in the story of the captive that was included in the first part of 'Don Quixote'. This novel, the best known of the author, is considered the most important work of Spanish literature of all time and its protagonist, Alonso Quijano, has become the archetype of the Spanish character.

About Cervantes knew that is buried in the convent of the Trinitarians of Madrid, but was unknown where exactly. There is no headstone or written to identify the point where he was buried. Months ago, a project involving forensic anthropologists and set out to find the remains of the writer. We have now found a piece of wood with the initials 'MC' within a niche carved into the basement of the convent chapel. Researchers think that Cervantes could be buried in a tomb and then transferred to a niche, during successive redevelopment of the convent that followed the course of history.

The researchers are cautious. "It's all open," said a spokesman for the team looking for the remains of the writer. There are no definitive conclusions, although the analysis of the remains found may shed light on the identity of the bones have been found. At first glance, some bones have been detected consistent with what is known of the life of Cervantes features: arcabuz had three shots in the chest, received during the Battle of Lepanto, and his left hand was useless. Madrid City Council has funded the excavations with 62,000 euros, but if the discovery of the remains of Cervantes is confirmed, the media impact may be incalculable.

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