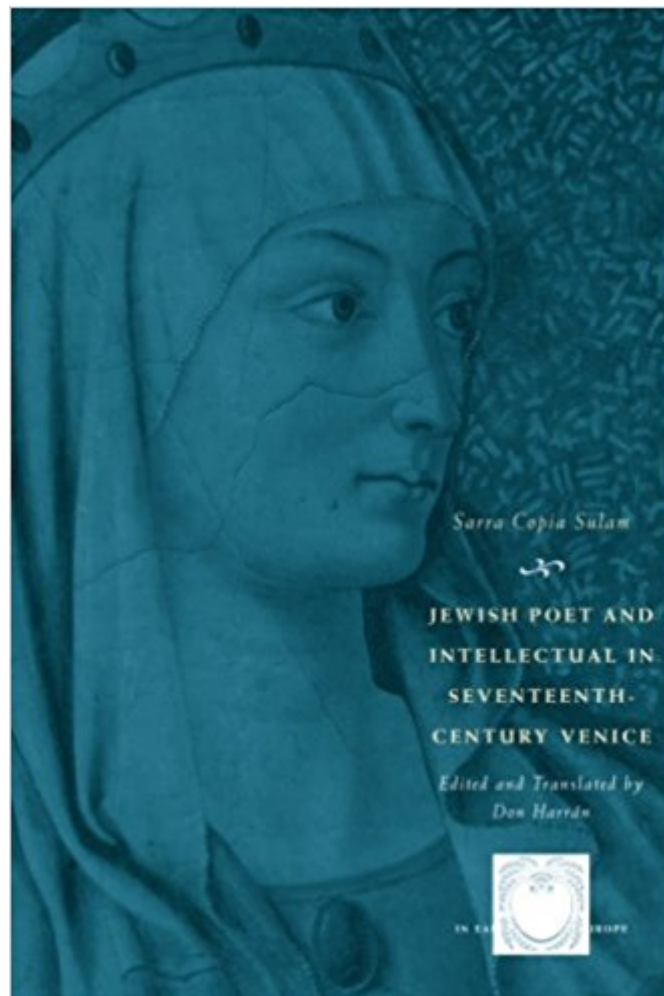


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This book by Don Harran (almost 600 pages!) is certainly almost unknown in Italy, where I live, although it deals about two Italians: Arnaldo Ceballos of Genova and Sarra Copia of Venice. Their love story, so unusual for the that period (XVII cent.), had already fascinated me so much that I included Sarra in my recent "La donna e le sue regole - Ebraismo e condizione femminile tra XVI e XVII secolo", Vecchiarelli, 2009. Now, reading Harran's most valuable work I enjoyed it once again. Thanks.

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