

*The Lovers of Teruel* is a love story that is alleged to have taken place in 1217 in the city of [Teruel](#) ([Aragón](#)). This legend could be described as a Spanish version of the story of *Romeo and Juliet*.

Isabel Segura and Diego Marcilla grew up in the Spanish city of Teruel. They were both from noble families and they were friends from a very early age. As they grew up together the two friends became sweethearts. However when they were both old enough to wed, Diego's family had fallen on hard times. Isabel's father, being the most wealthy in all of Teruel, forbade the marriage. Diego, however, was able to make an agreement with the father in which he would leave Teruel for five years to try to build his fortune. If Diego was able to gain wealth within those five years he would be able to marry his love, Isabel. So the young Diego enlisted in the Christian army and set off to fight against the Moors.

Unfortunately Isabel's family were not prepared to wait five years and began to organise her marriage to a rich nobleman. Meanwhile Diego had become a very brave and successful warrior and was rewarded with lands and great wealth. As the five years came to an end he made his way back to Teruel to marry his childhood sweetheart. On the day of the five years' close Isabel's father married her to Don Pedro de Azagra from [Albarracín](#).

Diego finally arrived in Teruel on the evening of the wedding and climbed to the balcony of the house where the two newly-weds were sleeping. Isabel awoke and told Diego what had happened.. He begged her to change her mind, saying that he was dying and wished for a final kiss. But still she refused. Upon hearing this Diego could not bear the separation between himself and his love, and with a sigh he died at the feet of his beloved Isabel.

Diego's family organised a grand funeral for their son. At the funeral, Isabel showed up dressed in her wedding dress. She proceeded to walk to the front of the church and place a kiss on the man whom she had refused but in doing so Isabel died, falling on the body of the man whom she loved. They say that she had died of a broken heart.