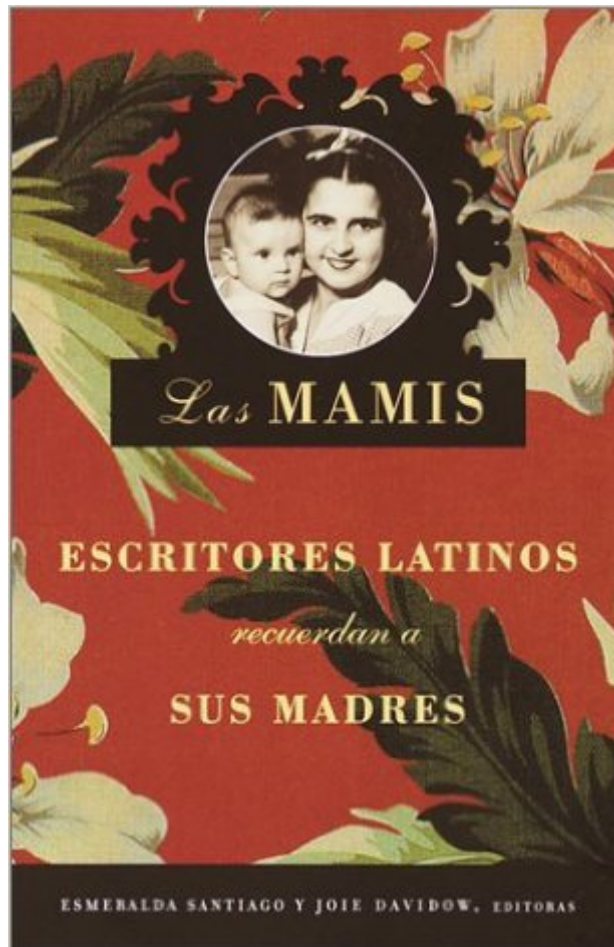


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Synopsis

Una maravillosa antología a nueva--las escritoras y los escritores latinos más admirados comparten recuerdos de sus madres. Las mujeres amorosamente retratadas en las Las Mamis representan la diversidad de la vida y cultura latinas. Proviene de las familias ricas de las grandes ciudades de Latinoamérica, de familias campesinas emigrantes y también de la variedad de mundos intermedios. Además, comparten toda una extraordinaria fuerza interior, frecuentemente retada por la adversidad. Presionadas por circunstancias y expectativas culturales conflictivas, lograron enfrentar los retos de la maternidad y dejar para sus hijos e hijas un legado perdurable. Y ahora, en estos vídeos, conmovedores y, en ocasiones, divertidos recuerdos, todos imbuidos de un claro sabor latino, Las Mamis celebra la universalidad del amor de familia y el vínculo especial entre madres e hijos. Colaboradores: Marjorie Agosín, Alba Ambert, Liz Balmaseda, Mandalit del Barco, Gioconda Belli, Junot Díaz, María Amparo Escandón, Dagoberto Gilb, Francisco Goldman, Jaime Manrique, Gustavo Páez-Firmat, Esmeralda Santiago, In Stavans, Piri Thomas

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One has to bear in mind that writing about people one knows is very subjective, and this is the author's right. People simply are not objective about those close to them. The writers of this book have accomplished a creation that has resulted in a beautiful specimen of literature, rich in description and sentiment, both amusing and tragic. How can one not laugh when Jaime Manrique

quotes the only comment his mother makes after she sees her son's pictures in a magazine spread for the first time: " You look fat, You'd better lay off those pies" and how can one not cry when he writes "The most wonderful tribute I can pay to my mother is to say that whereas most children automatically love their mothers, I've grown to love Soledad." But these quotes don't mean much without reading all that precedes them. And then, who will ever forget, once read, Alba Ambert's haunting search for a mother she has never known and how she consciously forms a life for herself based on this lack of knowledge? If you are looking for straight storytelling, you will find it here, but you will also find great sentiment and poetry within these pages. That in itself is worth the read. One no longer cares as one reads along if it is true or not; it still touches the soul.

Esmeralda Santiago edits *Las Mamis*, a powerful gathering of Latino authors who recall their mothers. The fourteen women portray a cross-section of Latino culture and economic backgrounds in this loving memoir of influential parents. Diane C. Donovan Reviewer

I read this at a Barnes & Noble store. I had a hard time putting it down. I believe that most of us (hispanic women) can relate to the stories told.

I was very excited to receive this book as a gift but even more excited to read it! It was a love affair from page one! Captivating! Funny! Engaging! I bought five copies for everyone in my family, had to share! The stories are told from the heart and you feel the authors love for their mothers and respect and admiration in every word written. No fairy tales here, just Latin mothers showing what it means to be a mother!

I LOVED this book! It has some great short stories from a variety of authors. Very tasty! Each story has its own flavor, and this makes for a great literary soup. It reaches across cultural boundaries to touch hearts and souls of us all. Seriously great reading! Marta Lomeli, author *Cuentos From the House on West Connecticut Avenue*

What can I say? Excellent book! Very interesting. You must buy it if you want to know more about these Mamis - Mothers of different Latinamerican writers are the inspiration in a way or another in their lives. Touching stories about reality with different backgrounds with one purpose: to show us how our Mamis influence in our lives. Beautiful stories put together.

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