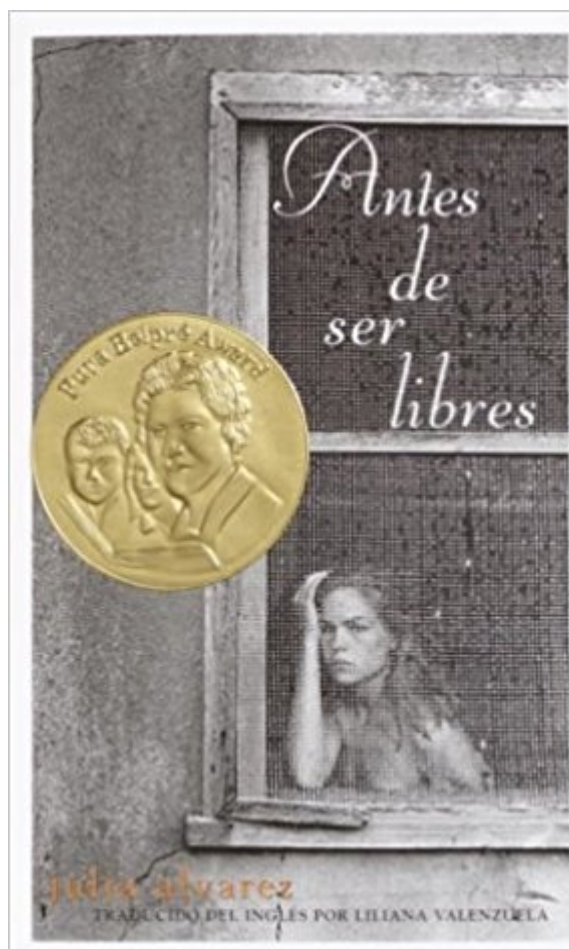


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As a Latin American woman myself, I felt totally connected to the story, the language is rich, story is fresh and it gives you a feeling that even though there is so much injustice and cruelty, there is always a light at the end of the tunnel, it also gives you an incredible view into how you love your country so much that you are willing to do anything so your children would have a better tomorrow. I absolutely would have my daughter when she turns 14 read this book, I think it would be great reading material for a teenager.

Me resulta un poco difícil aceptar que un libro en Kindle tenga prácticamente el mismo precio que un libro impreso, pero sea cual fuere la forma que llegue a tus manos creo que vale la pena leerlo. Las historias normalmente son escritas a través o de o sobre sus protagonistas, pero este libro se sale de esa tendencia: habla de como una niña de escasos 12 años vive los finales de una de las dictaduras más sangrientas en la historia de los pueblos americanos, la del dictador dominicano Rafael Trujillo. A mi, particularmente, me ha conmovido al punto de soltar lágrimas al final de su lectura.

Buenísimo, se va haciendo más interesante según avanzas en la lectura. Nos muestra como era la sociedad Dominicana de ese entonces y algunos acontecimientos claves que pusieron fin, aunque por sangre, la dictadura de Trujillo.

La historia está narrada de manera tan dulce que nos sentimos totalmente cercanos a la protagonista. La pérdida de la inocencia y la lucha por la libertad unido a un profundo amor a su familia. Aún sigo emocionada y con lágrimas en los ojos. Precioso relato.

I read this to help my Spanish, but loved the story as well. The level is about right for an

intermediate Spanish reader. The story is personal but based on historical events, so it is educational as well as heart-warming. I liked it enough to send the English version to my 13 year-old niece and her mother.

Little is taught about Latin American history in the US. This engaging story will open for you a new view of lives outside our country.

Totalmente recomendable. Este libro es corto pero te deja agradeciendo el tener libertad. Es un libro que te engancha por su narracion. Una historia conmovedora y entretenida.

Me gusto, lo recomiendo, es un libro q nos ensena mas acerca de la tirania de un dictador en la Rep Dominicana. Senti mucho los malos momentos q vivieron estas familias tan unidas, decentes, de buena clase, solo por tratar de hacer un pais libre y digno. Que pena q haya hoy en dia, muchas situaciones parecidas a esta en tantos otros paises.... Me dejo mucho. Bertha

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