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Editorial Review

From Library Journal

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Review

"A courageous memoir...One witnesses the blessings, contradictions, and restraints of Puerto Rican culture."

--*The Washington Post Book World*

"Richly evocative...[Santiago has] the skill to render the most minute details of her before and after lives."

--*The Los Angeles Times*

"Santiago writes with a flair for detail, humor, and complex emotion that draws readers into a delightful...if sometimes heart breaking, personal journey." --*The Orlando Sentinel*

"A universal tale...made special by Santiago's simplicity and honesty." --*Miami Herald*

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