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# En El Tiempo De Las Mariposas (Spanish Edition)



## Synopsis

In 1960 in the Dominican Republic, three young women from a pious Catholic family were assassinated after visiting their husbands who had been jailed as suspected rebel leaders. The Mirabal sisters became mythical figures in their country, where they are known as Las Mariposas (the butterflies). Three decades later, Álvarez brings the Mirabal sisters back to life in an extraordinary novel. *Un libro importante* | emocionalmente sobrecogedor. Álvarez nos hace un regalo cargado de rara generosidad y coraje. *The San Diego Union-Tribune* Ellas eran las cuatro hermanas Mirabal *símbolos de una esperanza desafiante en un país ensombrecido por la dictadura y la desesperación. Sacrificaron sus vidas, seguras, y confortables, en nombre de la libertad. Ellas eran las Mariposas, y en esta novela extraordinaria, Patria, Minerva, María Teresa, y Dedé nos cuentan, a través de las décadas, sus propias historias. Desde anecdotas sobre lazos para el pelo y secretos enamoramientos al contrabando de armas y las torturas en la cárcel. Con ellas aprendemos los horrores cotidianos de la vida bajo el dictador dominicano Trujillo. A través del arte y la magia de la aclamada e imaginativa novelista Julia Álvarez, la dramática y vibrante vida de estas martirizadas mariposas toma forma en una historia cálida, brillante y desgarradora en la que se nos muestra el incalculable costo humano derivado de la opresión política. Un regalo de amor sincero y espléndido | un magnífico tesoro para todas las culturas y todos los tiempos | una novela que celebra la corriente de vida que fluye entre las mujeres, conectándolas y dándolas coraje para luchar por la justicia y la resistencia, y corazones para amar y perdonar libremente | Julia Álvarez es una escritora asombrosa. St. Petersburg Times *Maravilloso* | una narración enriquecedora | entrelaza hábilmente la realidad y la ficción hasta alcanzar un sobrecogedor clímax. Newsweek *Una novela con un tremendo poder* | un libro bello y valiente. West Coast Review of Books*

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