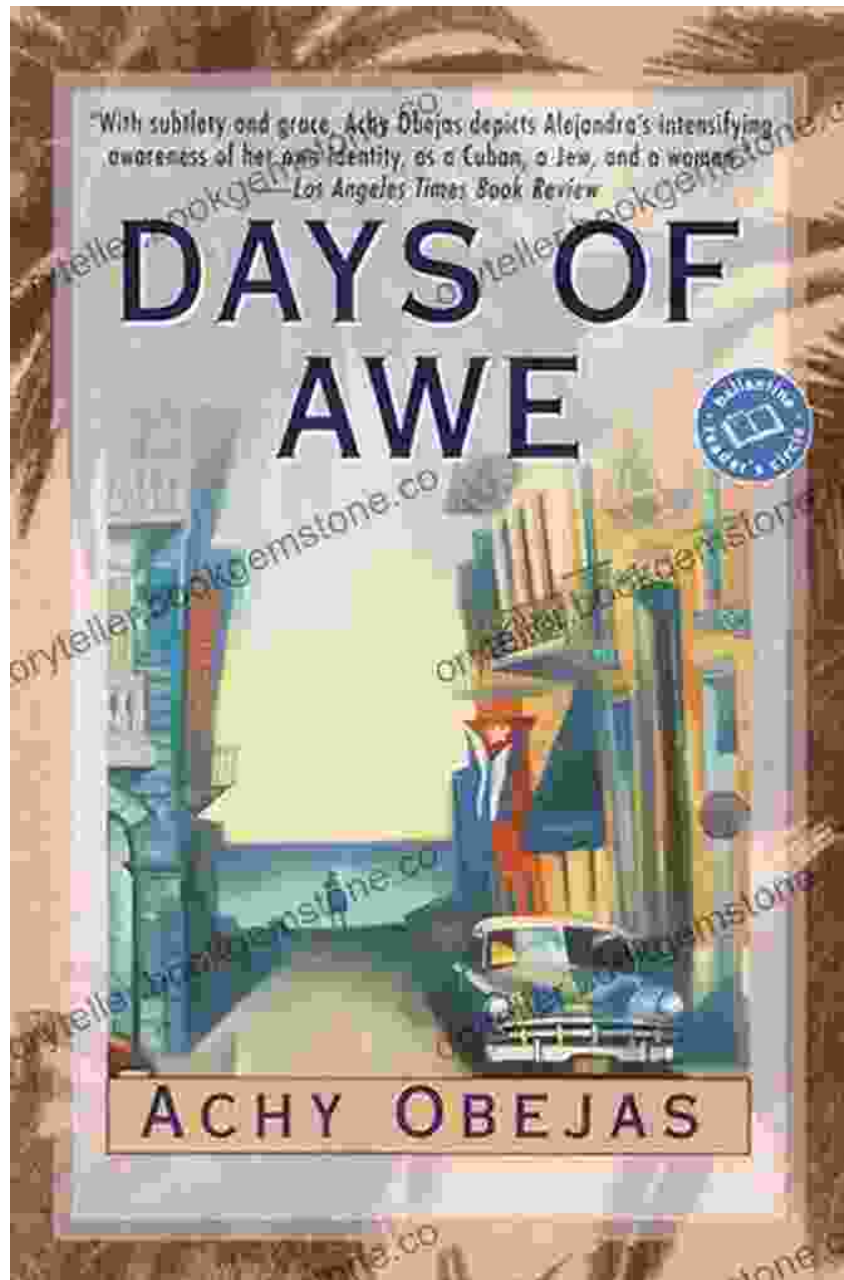


# Cuba and the Night: A Novel of the Cuban Revolution

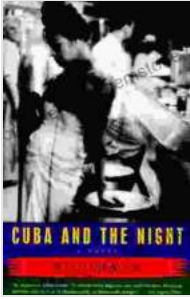


## Cuba and the Night: A Novel (Vintage Contemporaries)

by Pico Iyer

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Language : English



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Screen Reader	: Supported
Enhanced typesetting	: Enabled
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## Synopsis

Cuba and the Night is a novel by Achy Obejas that tells the story of a young woman's coming of age during the Cuban Revolution. The novel is set in Havana in the 1950s and 1960s, and it follows the protagonist, Estrella, as she navigates the political and social upheaval of the time.

Estrella is a young woman who is coming of age in Havana in the 1950s. She is a bright and curious girl, but she is also naive and sheltered. When the Cuban Revolution begins, Estrella is swept up in the excitement and idealism of the movement. She believes that the revolution will bring about a better future for Cuba, and she is eager to play her part in it.

However, as the revolution progresses, Estrella begins to see its darker side. She witnesses the violence and repression that the new government is carrying out, and she becomes disillusioned with the movement. Estrella realizes that the revolution is not what she thought it would be, and she begins to question her own beliefs.

Cuba and the Night is a complex and nuanced novel that explores the complexities of the Cuban Revolution. The novel is a coming-of-age story, a political thriller, and a love story. It is a story about the hopes and dreams

of a young woman, and about the disillusionment that she experiences when those hopes and dreams are shattered.

## **Critical Reception**

Cuba and the Night has received critical acclaim from both critics and readers. The novel has been praised for its rich and evocative prose, its complex and well-developed characters, and its insightful exploration of the Cuban Revolution.

"Achy Obejas's Cuba and the Night reads like a classic. . . . Her prose is luminous, and her characters are unforgettable." —The New York Times Book Review

"Obejas's novel is a powerful and moving exploration of the Cuban Revolution." —The Washington Post

"Cuba and the Night is a must-read for anyone who wants to understand the complexities of the Cuban Revolution." —The Miami Herald

## **Awards**

Cuba and the Night has won numerous awards, including:

\* The Cuban American Book Award \* The Flaherty-Dunn First Novel Prize \* The Lambda Literary Award for Lesbian Fiction

## **About the Author**

Achy Obejas is a Cuban American writer. She was born in Havana, Cuba, in 1956, and she came to the United States with her family when she was a child. Obejas is the author of several novels, including Cuba and the Night,

We Came All the Way from Cuba So You Could Dress Like This?, and The Tower of the Antilles. She has also written a collection of short stories, Memory Mambo.

Obejas's work has been translated into more than twenty languages. She has received numerous awards for her writing, including the Cuban American Book Award, the Flaherty-Dunnan First Novel Prize, and the Lambda Literary Award for Lesbian Fiction.

### Discussion Questions

1. What are your thoughts on the Cuban Revolution? 2. How does Estrella's experience of the revolution reflect the experiences of other Cubans during this time? 3. What do you think of Estrella's character? Do you sympathize with her? 4. How does the novel explore the themes of love, loss, and betrayal? 5. What do you think is the ultimate message of the novel?

### Further Reading

\* [Cuba and the Night by Achy Obejas](<https://www.amazon.com/Cuba-Night-Novel-Achy-Obejas/dp/0380976318>) \* [The Cuban Revolution: A History](<https://www.amazon.com/Cuban-Revolution-History-Louis-Perez/dp/0199741541>) \* [Havana: A Cultural and Literary History](<https://www.amazon.com/Havana-Cultural-Literary-History-Carolina-Torre/dp/1610994189>)

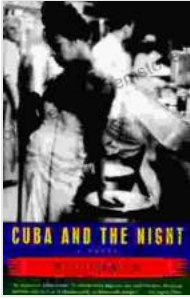
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