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This article is about fiction. For movies, see *Butterfly's Time* (movie). *Butterfly's Time* First Edition Author Julia Alvarez Originally Title *Butterfly* Translator Rollando Costa Picazo Country American Language and Spanish Genre History Fiction Publisher Algonquin Chapel Hill Publication Date 1994 (English) 2001 (Spanish) Media type Print (Hardback and Paperback) Page 34 pp (First Edition, First Edition) Hardback) 427 pp (Paperback/Spanish) ISBN 978-1-56512-038-9 (First Edition, Hardback) OCLC 30319222 Dewey Decimal 813/.54 20LC Class PS3551. L845 I5 1994 A.A Novel by The A. 1994 Dominican Republic Relates the fictional story of the Miraval sisters during the Dictatorship of Trujillo. The book is written in the first and third persons with the Sisters of Myrval. First published in 1994, the story was adopted as a feature film in 2001. Plot This is the story of four Miraval sisters during Rafael Trujillo's dictatorship in the Dominican Republic. At school, one of the sisters, Minerva, meets a girl named Sinitha, who later became one of her closest friends. Sinitha eventually confided the truth about Trujillo in Minneapolis. The sisters make a political promise to overthrow the Trujillo regime. They are harassed, persecuted, imprisoned, and their families retaliated against by the Military Intelligence Service (SIM). In revenge for her political activities, Trujillo murders three sisters on Puerto Plata Road and orders her husband, who is in prison with her driver, Lupino, to visit and return. The woman and the driver were beaten to death, and later their vehicles and bodies are dumped off a cliff to make them look like accidents. Character Minerva: The third Miraval sister, and certainly the strongest. She concentrates on law school, and succeeds in completing it as an adult, although Trujillo withholds her degree with a vengeance. She meets Manolo at law school (also revolutionary) and has a brief romance with revolutionary leader Lio before marrying him. She has two children, daughter Minow and son Manolito. Dede: Dead is the second Miraval sister. She is not as sure about the revolution as her sisters and feels weak because of that fact. Because she doesn't want to participate in the revolution and believes it will die, so she doesn't. She uses her husband, Jaimito, as a reason not to officially join. He doesn't want her involved in the revolution, and conflict almost destroys their marriage. She constantly cares about her sisters, and says they will die. She has children, all boys, Enrique, Raphael, and David. After all, she is the only survivor of your sisters. Maria Teresa: Of the four Miraval sisters, she is very material. She is married to Leandro and has a daughter named Jacqueline. She joined the revolution while living with her sister Minerba. She joined because she wanted to feel Leandro's worthiness. Patria: The oldest of the Sisters of Myrval, she is very religious. While praying for a call from God, she instead finds her husband, Pedrito, who is married at the age of 16. Her faith is strongly shaken as a young woman. She goes further into religious depression because God punishes her for the legacy of her third child. She later regains her faith with her mother and sisters through Higei soon. She has three children: Nelson, Norris, and Raul Ernesto. She also started a Christian revolutionary group as a revolutionary revolutionary, merging with her sister Minerba's Revolution Group. Her tone was also a little confusing at first, going from losing her relationship with her family to having more relationships with her family. Trujillo: Rafael Leonidas Trujillo is also known as El Zeppe (chief), the novel's main antagonist. He is the self-proclaimed dictator of the Dominican Republic. A harsh ruler, he demands the full obedience of all men, imprisons without trial, confiscates land and property, and commits cruel and unjust acts against his people, such as torture. Although married, he does a lot of work with young girls who keep them in their home across the country. He is also identified as a rapist. As the regime crumbles, he becomes more brutal and cruel, eventually being killed when the Mirabal sisters (except Dede) become too much opposition to his corrupting power. Mama: Married to the Miraval girls' mother and Papa. She takes care of women and always worries about them. Papa: I'm married to the father and mom of the Miraval girls. He leads a family shop. Pedrito Gonzalez: Farmer. He married Patria Miraval on February 24, 1947, when she was 16. He and his wife eventually join the revolution with their son Nelson. He is later imprisoned along with his older brothers, Leandro and Manolo, who participated in the revolution. He and Patria have three children: Nelson, Norris, and Raulito. Manolo: When she first arrived at the novel, Manolo, a law student, is Minerva's husband. Manolo emerges as the leader of the revolution and is elected president of the 6/14 movement. Pella: A worker in the Myrval family who claims to be a fortune teller. After the girls died, she claims to have been owned by them. Minu travels to Pella for a while and speaks to his mother after he has passed away. Minu: Minnow, one of Minerba's children, was born around 1956. Like her mother, she is strong-willed and independent. Don Manuel: Trujillo's right-hand man. Manuel is very tall and dapper (110 pages). He is a corrupt man. Like many cronies in Trujillo, Manuel does a lot of Trujillo's strange things. Virgilio: Virgilio Morales, nicknamed Rio. He is revolutionary, but unlike most, he is underground. He is speaking publicly about a government he considers suicidal. Rio was forced to hide because of his actions against the government. He left the country after being very close to Minerba. He asked her to flee with him, but because Minerba's father hid the letter from her, Minerba did not receive the letter in time. Jaimito: Jaimito is Dede's husband and cousin. Jaimito and Dead live on their own farm after their marriage. He opposes his wife's family's involvement in the revolution and prohibits her from participating. He was friendly when he and Dede first married, but over the years he and Dede drifted apart. He cares deeply about his son. Sinitha: A good friend of Minerba, she met at the Imakulada Catholic School for Girls. She later went to Santo Domingo and becomes a revolutionary like Minerva. All the men in the Sinitha family were killed by Trujillo for the last time when she was a young girl, pinning their deep hatred on Trujillo. Lupino de la Cruz: The driver of Miravals was very loyal to the butterfly every time he rented a car to go up the mountain to visit his husband in prison and trusted him wholeheartedly. He has a wife and one child. He was killed along with the Miraval girls. Reception The book was awarded the National Book Critics Circle Award in 1994. [2] The Fort Washington School District in New York banned the book because it has detailed diagrams depicting how to make bombs. We believe that the purpose of education is to expose students to all areas of reality so that they can make our own judgments. Why can't we read Romeo and Juliet without committing suicide, or not lord of the flies without being violent? We should not ban powerful pieces of literature just because of diagrams. The book mentioned a New York Times opinion piece written by two banned Schreiber High School students. [3] In the age of butterflies is the choice of great reading, a national donation to the community-full reading program of the arts, and a reader round table (Algonquin). The idea behind *Butterfly's Time* of connection with historical events originated in the 1960s when author Julia Alvarez was in the Dominican Republic. The Miraval sisters were killed just three months after their father was involved underground against Trujillo. [4] See ^ In the Age of Butterflies. arts.gov/. 05/26/2017. Retrieved August 6, 2018. ^ The New York Times, January 23, 1995 ^ Students are weighing banned books. The New York Times. 2000-10-15. ^ Article on interview with Julia Alvarez. juliaalvarez.com. Searched August 6, 2015. At it's still time for butterflies. Julia Alvarez's beloved contemporary classic *Time of the Butterfly* is a fictional story by Sister Mirabelle, an activist living under the dictatorship of Trujillo in the Dominican Republic, adapted into a film starring Salma Hayek and published in a vast 25th anniversary edition. As Alvarez writes in the new edition of *The Author Notes*, I still believe in the power of stories that will change the world. The edition will be released as part of a major revival of Algonquin Books' Alvarez work. Indeed, the publisher will also reissue two of the author's other most notable books - *How the Garcia Girl Lost Her Accent* and *Yo!* — April 2019. Considered one of the most important Latina writers, she has a unique, relevant and influential tone that weaves personal and political attacks. EW can exclusively reveal Alvarez's new *Time of butterflies*, featured in a remarkable new cover and 25th anniversary edition for a new reissue of three novels, meditating on the novel's enduring power. Read below. I believe in the power of stories that change the world. The stories of four young women from a small country mobilized the whole nation to liberate it from the 31-year dictatorship and empowered the global movement. Three lives were lost, but the Sisters of Mittalbal did not. They grew wings. They inspired novels, movies, plays, and dance. They inspired the United Nations to establish November 25, an international day to eliminate all violence against women. On this day, women and men stand in solidarity with their daughters, sisters, mothers, and grandmothers to eliminate violence around the world. 59 years after the murder, 25 years after the novel's published, violence against helpless and hapless groups remains a fact of life in the United States, Latin America, and around the world. In the name of national sovereignty and security, the government is violating the rights of those seeking political asylum, despite these rights being protected and guaranteed by the United Nations Declaration on Human Rights, which is a signatory to many of these countries. My hope is that this story will make the pleas of those seeking refuge from violent regimes more credible and their plight more vivid. Readers often ask me if I am a political writer. Cheslav Milos, a Polish city, was once asked the same question about his own, and said that writing is bad if it sinks below the level of consciousness to some extent in that era. This perception does not have to come out in an obvious way: in fact, it should not, or the writing will flatten. Stories work in an indirect and invisible way that often comes from stories or poems that have moved us to someone else than before we started reading. Fiction is not a political debate that mobilizes people with ideology and propaganda. Instead they work one imagination at a time, rooting beliefs in the mind, stimulating us deeply, thus resulting in more profound and lasting changes. The muscles of compassion we exercise as readers are like motivating us to change the world after all. My hope lies in the power of the story, also known as the power of butterflies: a million tiny wingbeats that create a huge wind that can wipe out all forms of violence, including poverty and inequality of opportunity. Given the times we live in and what we still need to do, we need the cumulative power of these small changes more than ever. July 17, 2018 Julia Alvarez July 17