

Julia Alvarez How The Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents

How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents-Julia Alvarez 2004 Yolanda Garcia is taking a trip to the Dominican Republic to revisit the country where she was born, and which her family was forced to flee for New York when she was a child. As they try to immerse themselves in the American way of life, Yolande and her three sisters will always see things through Dominican eyes.

A Study Guide for Julia Alvarez's How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents-Gale, Cengage Learning 2015-03-13 A Study Guide for Julia Alvarez's "How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents," excerpted from Gale's acclaimed Novels for Students.This concise study guide includes plot summary; character analysis; author biography; study questions; historical context; suggestions for further reading; and much more. For any literature project, trust Novels for Students for all of your research needs.

How the García Girls Lost Their Accents-Julia Alvarez 2005 Forced to flee their native Caribbean island after an attempted coup, the Garcias--Carlos, Laura, and their four daughters--must learn a new way of life in the Bronx, while trying to cling to the old ways that they loved.

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The Many Facets of Identity in Julia Alvarez' How the García Girls Lost Their Accents-Jessica Ann Jensen 2000

The importance of language in cross-cultural identity production-Michael Elberth 2011-01-11 Essay from the year 2010 in the subject English - Literature, Works, grade: 1,3, TU Dortmund, language: English, abstract: At the centre of Julia Alvarez's novel How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents stands the Dominican girl Yolanda, who moved to America as a youth. Since then, she has often been back in the Dominican Republic to visit her family and maintain a close link to her cultural origin. Yolanda's identity is strongly influenced by the two cultures, which makes her a cultural hybrid. This essay will show the important role that language plays in the production of cross-cultural identity as can be seen in the development of Yolanda. Furthermore, the essay will only focus on her English language development in the American environment, excluding the scenes where Yolanda is back in the Dominican Republic for visits.

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Literary Contexts in Novels- 2006

How the García Girls Lost Their Accents-Julia Alvarez 2021-12-14 A collectible hardcover thirtieth-anniversary edition of Julia Alvarez's modern Latinx classic that gives voice to four sisters as they grow up in two cultures, featuring a new foreword by New York Times bestselling, National Book Award-winning novelist Elizabeth Acevedo A Penguin Vitae Edition The García sisters—Carla, Sandra, Yolanda, and Sofía—and their family must flee their home in the Dominican Republic after the discovery of their father's role in an attempt to overthrow the brutal dictator Rafael Trujillo. They arrive in New York City in 1960 to a life far removed from their existence in the Caribbean. In the wondrous but not always welcoming United States, their parents try to hold on to their old ways as the girls try to find new lives: by straightening their hair and wearing American fashions, and by forgetting their Spanish. For them, it is at once liberating and excruciating to be caught between the old world and the new. In Julia Alvarez's beloved first novel, How the García Girls Lost Their Accents, the sisters tell their stories about being at home—and not at home—in America. Penguin Vitae—loosely translated as "Penguin of one's life"—is a deluxe hardcover series from Penguin Classics celebrating a dynamic and diverse landscape of classic fiction and nonfiction from seventy-five years of classics publishing. Penguin Vitae provides readers with beautifully designed classics that have shaped the course of their lives, and welcomes new readers to discover these literary gifts of personal inspiration, intellectual engagement, and creative originality.

National Identity and Artistic Authenticity in Julia Alvarez's How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents-Janice Lewey 2001

Julia Alvarez-Silvio Sirias 2001 Julia Alvarez made her mark on the American literary horizon with the 1991 publication of her debut novel How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents, a story based on her own family's bicultural experiences. This Critical Companion introduces readers to the life and works of Dominican American writer Alvarez and examines the thematic and cultural concerns that run through her novels. Full literary analysis is provided for each, including historical context for the factually based works, In the Time of the Butterflies (1994) and In the Name of Salome (2000). A brief biography and a chapter on the Latino novel help students to understand the personal and literary influences in Alvarez's writing.

CRITICAL INSIGHTS- 2021

Yo!-Julia Alvarez 1997 The center of many lives, thrice-married writer Yolanda Garcia celebrates her fame while entangling others in her web, in a story that is told from the viewpoints of the confused people whose lives she touches

2002

A Journey Home-Bethany A. Dolman 2003

A Study Guide for Julia Alvarez's "Exile"-Gale, Cengage Learning

Women Between Cultues-Vanessa Rodriguez-Garcia 2005

Daughter of Invention-Jordan Craven 2005

-Sandra Cisneros 2012

Reading Julia Alvarez-Alice L. Trupe 2011-03-21 This comprehensive overview of Julia Alvarez's fiction, nonfiction, and poetry offers biographical information and parses the author's important works and the intentions behind them. • Chapters on individual works to help the user understand the author's plots, themes, settings, characters, and style • Discussion questions in each chapter to foster student research and facilitate book-club discussion • Sidebars of interesting information • An up-to-date guide to Internet and print resources for further study

Summarized and Analyzed: How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents Student World-Student World 2017-10-25 "How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents" is considered as Julia Alvarez's most notable work. The story describes the protagonist's life in the Dominican Republic, in the United States, and what difficulties the members of the family had to face when they lived initially in the United States as immigrants.This book was first published in 1991. The writing style is notable particularly because the story is narrated from the reverse chronological order. There are shifting perspectives in the narration of the story.

Julia Alvarez-Kelli Lyon Johnson 2005 This book provides the first book-length examination of the writings of Julia Alvarez, the author of *How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents* and nearly a dozen other books of fiction and non-fiction and one of today's most widely read Latina writers. Kelli Lyon Johnson perceptively illuminates the themes, ideals, and passions that unite these diverse and rich works, all of which explore issues of understanding and representing identity within a global society. Forced by political oppression to leave the Dominican Republic when still young, Alvarez has lived most of her adult life in the United States. Johnson argues that through her narratives, poetry, and essays, Alvarez has sought to create "a cartography of identity in exile." Alvarez inscribes a geography of identity in her work that joins theory and narrative across multiple genres to create a new map of identity and culture. By asserting that she is "mapping a country that's not on the map," Alvarez places creativity and multiplicity at the center of this emerging cartography of identity. Rather than elaborating a "hybrid" identity that surreptitiously erases distinctions and difference, Alvarez embraces the *mestizaje* or mixture and accumulation of identities, experience, and diversity. To Alvarez, linguistic and cultural multiplicity represents the reality of what it means to be American, and she offers a compelling vision of both self and community in which the homeland Alvarez seeks is the narrative space of her own writings. As Johnson shows, Alvarez will continue to shape American literature by stretching the literary cartography of identity and of the Americas.

A Study Guide for Julia Alvarez's "Women's Work"-Gale, Cengage Learning

Where Do They Go?-Julia Alvarez 2016-11-02 Bestselling novelist (*How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents*) and children's (*The Tia Lola Stories*) author Julia Alvarez's new picture book is a beautifully crafted poem for children that gently addresses the emotional side of death. The book asks, "When somebody dies, where do they go? / Do they go where the wind goes when it blows? ... Do they wink back at me when I wish on a star? Do they whisper, 'You're perfect, just as you are'? ..." Illustrated by Vermont woodcut artist, Sabra Field, *Where Do They Go?* is a beautiful and comforting meditation on death, asking questions young readers might have about what happens to those they love after they die. A Spanish-language edition of the book, *¿Donde va a parar?*, is available in paperback.

Inhabiting La Patria-Rebecca L. Harrison 2013-12-01 Examines the work of prolific Dominican American writer Julia Alvarez. This is the first collection of critical essays on the works of Dominican American author Julia Alvarez. A prolific writer of nearly two dozen books of poetry, fiction, nonfiction, and children's literature, Alvarez has garnered numerous international accolades, including the impressive F. Scott Fitzgerald Award for Outstanding Achievement in American Literature. She was one of only ten poets invited to write for President Obama's inauguration in 2009, and her *In the Time of the Butterflies* was selected as a National Endowment for the Arts "Big Read," putting her in the company of Mark Twain, Zora Neale Hurston, and Harper Lee. Yet, despite Alvarez's commercial success and flourishing critical reputation, much of the published scholarship has focused on her two best-known novels—*In the Time of the Butterflies* and *How the García Girls Lost Their Accents*. Moving beyond Alvarez's more recognizable work, the contributors here approach her wider canon from different points of access and with diverging critical tools. This enriches current discussions on the construction of selves in life writing, and nonfiction more generally, and furthers our understanding of these selves as particular kinds of participants in the creation of nation and place. In addition, this book provides fresh insight for transnational feminist studies and makes a meaningful contribution to the broader study of the gendered diaspora, as it positions Alvarez scholarship in a global context.

The Contemporary American Short-Story Cycle-James Nagel 2004-04-01 James Nagel offers the first systematic history and definition of the short-story cycle as exemplified in contemporary American fiction, bringing attention to the format's wide appeal among various ethnic groups. He examines in detail eight recent manifestations of the genre, all praised by critics while uniformly misidentified as novels. Nagel proposes that the short-story cycle, with its concentric as opposed to linear plot development possibilities, lends itself particularly well to exploring themes of ethnic assimilation, which mirror some of the major issues facing American society today.

Latinas in the United States, set-Vicki L. Ruiz 2006-05-03 *Latinas in the United States: A Historical Encyclopedia* records the contribution of women of Latin American birth or heritage to the economic and cultural development of the United States. The encyclopedia, edited by Vicki L. Ruiz and Virginia Sánchez-Korrol, is the first comprehensive gathering of scholarship on Latinas. This encyclopedia will serve as an essential reference for decades to come. In more than 580 entries, the historical and cultural narratives of Latinas come to life. From *mestizo* settlement, pioneer life, and diasporic communities, the encyclopedia details the contributions of women as settlers, *comadres*, and landowners, as organizers and nuns. More than 200 scholars explore the experiences of Latinas during and after EuroAmerican colonization and conquest; the early-19th-century migration of Puerto Ricans and Cubans; 20th-century issues of migration, cultural tradition, labor, gender roles, community organization, and politics; and much more. Individual biographical entries profile women who have left their mark on the historical and cultural landscape. With more than 300 photographs, *Latinas in the United States* offers a mosaic of historical experiences, detailing how Latinas have shaped their own lives, cultures, and communities through mutual assistance and collective action, while confronting the pressures of colonialism, racism, discrimination, sexism, and poverty. "Meant for scholars and general readers, this is a great resource on Latinas and historical topics connected with them." -- [curledup.com](#)

Homecoming-Julia Alvarez 1996-04-01 *Homecoming* is Alvarez's first published collection of poetry, a work of great subtlety and power in which the young poet returned to her old-world childhood in the Dominican Republic. Now this revised and expanded edition adds thirteen new poems. Long before her award-winning novel, *How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents*, and *In the Time of the Butterflies*, Julia Alvarez was writing poetry that gave a distinctive voice to the Latina woman and helped give to American letters a vibrant new literary form. These more recent writings are still deeply autobiographical in nature, but written with the edgier, more knowing tone of a woman who has seen, and survived, more of life. Wonderfully lucid and engaging, toned with deep emotionality and a wry observation of life, the poems of Julia Alvarez stand next to her fiction to both delight us and give us lessons in living and loving.

Women in Literature-Michael B. Snyder 2003 Looks at gender-related themes in ninety-six of the most frequently taught works of fiction, including "Anna Karenina," "Brave New World," "Great Expectations," and "Lord of the Flies."

Saving the World-Julia Alvarez 2006-04-07 Suffering from writer's block, Alma finds herself enamored of a story she stumbles upon which involves Isabel, director of La Casa De Expositos, who selected twenty-two orphan boys to be live carriers of the smallpox vaccine in 1803.

Character Representation in "How the García Girls Lost Their Accents", "In the Time of the Butterflies", and ". Yo." by Julia Alvarez-Renee Marie Rasmussen 2007 In her first and third novels *How the García Girls Lost Their Accents* and *¡Yo!*, Julia Alvarez writes about the Dominican-American experience through the lives of an immigrant family. Her personal understanding of the context results in a complex and believable set of hybrid characterizations. In her second novel, *In the Time of the Butterflies*, there is a purely Dominican context. In translating this history of the Mirabal sisters, Alvarez is unable to avoid the influence of her Dominican-American experience. Therefore, these characterizations are less believable, stereotypical and not reasonably justified given their context. Unconvincing and sudden moments of conversion are a further consequence of Alvarez's failure to correctly reflect Dominican culture in her translation of the story.

A Linguistic Reading of Dominican-American Immigrant Literature-Brittany Helen Brook 2003

Before We Were Free-Julia Alvarez 2002 In the early 1960s in the Dominican Republic, twelve-year-old Anita learns that her family is involved in the underground movement to end the bloody rule of the dictator, General Trujillo.

CLASSICS *How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents*-Julia Alvarez

De cómo las muchachas García perdieron el acento-Julia Alvarez 2007 Cuando las hermanas García —Carla, Sandra, Yolanda y Sofía— y sus padres huyen de la República Dominicana buscando refugio de la persecución política, encuentran un nuevo hogar en los Estados Unidos. Pero el Nueva York de los años sesenta es marcadamente diferente de la vida privilegiada, aunque conflictiva, que han dejado atrás. Bajo la presión de asimilarse a una nueva cultura, las muchachas García se alisan el pelo, abandonan la lengua española y se encuentran con muchachos sin una chaperona. Pero por más que intentan distanciarse de su isla natal, las hermanas no logran desprender el mundo antiguo del nuevo. Lo que las hermanas han perdido para siempre —y lo que logran encontrar— se revela en esta novela magistral de una de las novelistas más celebradas de nuestros tiempos.

Something to Declare-Julia Alvarez 1998-08-01 In her first book of nonfiction, Julia Alvarez takes us behind the scenes and shares the lessons she's learned on her way to becoming an internationally acclaimed novelist. In 1960, when Alvarez was ten years old, her family fled the Dominican Republic. Her father participated in a failed coup attempt against the dictator Rafael Trujillo, and exile to the United States was the only way to save his life. The family settled in New York City, where Dr. Alvarez set up a medical practice in the Bronx while his wife and four daughters set about the business of assimilation--a lifelong struggle. Loss of her native land, language, culture, and extended family formed the thematic basis for two of Julia Alvarez's three best-selling novels--HOW THE GARCIA GIRLS LOST THEIR ACCENTS and its sequel, YO! Her father's revolutionary ties inspired IN THE TIME OF THE BUTTERFLIES, her historical novel about one of Trujillo's most infamous atrocities. SOMETHING TO DECLARE offers an extraordinary collection of essays that deal with the two big issues of Alvarez's life--growing up with one foot in each culture and writing. The twelve essays that make up "Customs," the first of two parts, examine the specific effects of exile on this writer. The essays are personal--how her maternal grandfather passed along his love of the arts, how the nuclear family-in-exile snuggled down every year to watch the Miss America contest from the parental bed, how Julia feared her family might disown her upon publication of her first novel. In the second half, "Declarations," are twelve essays about writing that range from confession of Alvarez's means of supporting her writing habit to the gritty details of her actual process. Every one of these essays is warm, open, honest, and generous. SOMETHING TO DECLARE will appeal not only to her many fans, but to students of writing at all levels.

Contemporary American Women Fiction Writers-Bella Vivante 2002 Covers more than sixty women who published significant fiction after 1945, with a brief biography, exposition of major works and themes, survey of critical reception, and references to primary and secondary sources for each.

A Wedding in Haiti-Julia Alvarez 2013-03-19 In a story that travels beyond borders and between families, acclaimed Dominican novelist and poet Julia Alvarez reflects on the joys and burdens of love—for her parents, for her husband, and for a young Haitian boy known as Piti. In this intimate true account of a promise kept, Alvarez takes us on a journey into experiences that challenge our way of thinking about history and how it can be reimagined when people from two countries—traditional enemies and strangers—become friends.

Julia Alvarez-Jill C. Wheeler 2011-09-01 This biography introduces readers to Julia Alvarez, the Pura Belpr_ Award winning author who wrote How TÕa Lola Came to Visit Stay, Return to Sender, Before We Were Free, The Secret Footprints, and A Gift of Gracias, as well as other books for children and adults. Readers will learn about Alvarez's life in the Dominican Republic and the United States, her work as a writing teacher, and her sustainable coffee farm. Easy-to-read text and full-color photos highlight Alvarez's childhood, family, education, and life as a poet, adult and young adult fiction writer, essayist, and picture book author. Checkerboard Library is an imprint of ABDO Publishing Company.

Losing the Self in the Search for Identity-Brigid Aileen Guerrero Milligan 2004

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