

**A NEWBERY HONOR BOOK**  
**A SYDNEY TAYLOR HONOR BOOK**  
**WINNER OF THE INTERNATIONAL LATINO BOOK AWARD**

Spanning over five hundred years, Pura Belpré Award winner Ruth Behar's sweeping saga features four girls from different generations of a Jewish family

**SPAIN, 1492:** During the Spanish Inquisition, Benvenida's family is given three choices: convert from Judaism to Catholicism, leave the country, or be condemned to death. They choose to uproot themselves and journey across the sea to make a new start in Istanbul.

**TURKEY, 1923:** After the Turkish War of Independence, Reina is optimistic about women gaining more freedom—until her father disowns her and ships her off to Cuba as punishment for a small act of disobedience.

**CUBA, 1961:** Alegra, Reina's daughter, is proud to be part of Castro's revolution, working as a brigadista teaching country folks to read and write; however, Castro's crackdowns on business are making it increasingly hard for her family to survive in Cuba, and their days there are numbered.

**MIAMI, 2003:** Paloma, Alegra's daughter, is fascinated by all the journeys that had to happen before she could be born and is grateful to live in a time and place where she feels free and safe. She's excited to learn more about her heritage on a trip to Spain with her parents and Abuela Reina—a trip that astounds them all when they make a momentous discovery.

Though many years and many seas separate these girls, they are united by their love of life, by the haunting beauty of old Spanish songs, and in their desire to belong and to matter.

“As lyrical as it is epic, *Across So Many Seas* reminds us that while the past may be another country, it's also a living, breathing song of sadness and joy that helps define who we are.”

—Alan Gratz, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Refugee*

“Sings with poetry and history and story all at once.”

—Sandra Cisneros, author of *The House on Mango Street*

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