

GARCÍA, CRISTINA (1958–)

Acclaimed novelist Cristina García was born in Havana, Cuba, but lived most of her life in the United States. She earned a B.A. degree from Barnard College, an M.A. from Johns Hopkins University, and thought she would enter diplomatic service. Instead, she became a journalist for *Time Magazine* where she wrote about Latin America. A trip to Cuba in 1984 rekindled family connections which in turn inspired her first novel, *Dreaming in Cuban* (1992). The novel received a National Book Award nomination, and García received a Guggenheim Fellowship and a Whiting Writers' Award. García's work continues to explore historical memory, national events and the construction of truth. She also wrote *The Aguero Sisters*, and *Traveling Through the Flesh*.