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Introduction

Chilean American, Isabel Allende, arrived in the United States when her first novel *La casa de los espiritus* (*House of the Spirits*) became a bestseller. Her international stature has remained firmly established with her later novels and she is one of the most widely read Latin American writers in this country. (see *Handbook of Hispanic Cultures in the United States: Literature and Art*, p 353)

Allende's official website provides more information on her books and is available in the box on the left side of this guide.

See **Allende in a streaming video in English**, in the left column on this page, under the title *Isabel Allende cuenta historias de pasion*.

Contents on this page will assist you in getting started with

- searching selected databases and
- with print and electronic sources of biographical and bibliographical information on Isabel Allende.

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Check these databases for books and articles by and about Isabel Allende.

- [HAPI Online: The Database of Latin American Journal Articles](#)
Search for articles and book reviews related to Isabel Allende's works. Articles mainly in English, Spanish or Portuguese.
- [HOMER](#)
USC Libraries online catalog. Find books by or about the author by searching "Allende, Isabel".
- [JSTOR](#)
Articles in English language scholarly journals. Search can be limited to journals in languages and literatures and to Latin American studies journals.
- [Latin American Periodicals Tables of Content \(LAPTOC\)](#)
Search Isabel Allende by "keyword" in this database to find many articles not indexed in other databases. Most are in Spanish.
- [MLA Bibliography](#)
Index to scholarly publications in literature, languages, linguistics, and folklore from over 4000 journals and series published worldwide. Indexing only: no full text.

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Getting Started II : Find Bio-bibliographical Information

Consult these general reference sources for bio-bibliographical information on Isabel Allende.

Latina and Latino voices in literature: lives and works. - Day, Frances Ann.
Call Number: Doheny or Leavey Z1229.H57D3 2003

Making it in America : a sourcebook on eminent ethnic Americans - Barkan, Elliott Robert.
Call Number: Doheny Reference E184.A1M263 2001

Spanish American Authors: The Twentieth Century
Call Number: Boeckmann Reference PQ7081.3.F57 1992

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See page 27-30 for biographical information and commentary on her works.

Contemporary Hispanic Biography. vol. 1 [electronic resource]

This is an electronic book in the Gale Virtual Reference Library. Find the link in the HOMER online catalog record.

Handbook of Hispanic Cultures in the United States, 4.vol.

Call Number: Boeckmann and Leavey E184.S75H365 1993 v.1-v.4

[1] Literature and art / edited and introduced by Francisco Lome?? -- [2] History / edited by Alfredo Jim??nez -- [3] Sociology / edited by F??lix Padilla -- [4] Anthropology / edited by Thomas Weaver.

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Most current circulating books by and about Isabel Allende are housed in the [Doheny Memorial Library](#) bookstacks and in the [Leavey Library](#). Older editions are sometimes housed off-site in the Grand Avenue Library and will be paged for you when you request this service.



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Isabel Allende has published 18 books since 1982. Most are available in the USC Libraries in the original Spanish and in an English translation. Her first novel was *La casa de los espíritus*, published Spanish in 1982 and in English translation in 1985. She writes all of her works in Spanish and then they are translated into English and as many as 32 other languages. Her first work set in the United States was *El Plan Infinito, The Infinite Plan*, which takes place in the Southwest and Los Angeles. Her newest book is *Isla bajo el mar*, published in October, 2009. The captivating story is about an Afro-Caribbean slave girl Zarte.

- Click [here](#) to view the book covers on her official website.
- Next click on each book cover to view a summary, reviews and the international editions.

Here is a list arranged by the English language titles, with the Spanish titles and years of the first editions. Some of the books appeared in Spanish and English the same year.

Aphrodite: a memoir of the senses / Afrodita: cuentos, recetas y otros afrodisiacos (1997)

City of the Beasts / Ciudad de las bestias (2002)

Daughter of Fortune / Hija de la fortuna (1999)

Eva Luna / Eva Luna (1987)

Forest of the Pygmies / El bosque de los pigmeos (2004)

House of the Spirits (1985) / Casa de los espíritus (1982)

Ines of my soul / Ines del alma mia (2006)

The Infinite Plan (1992) / El plan infinito (1991)

Isla bajo el mar (2009)

Kingdom of the Golden Dragon (2004) / El reino del dragon del oro (2003)
My invented country: a nostalgic journey through Chile / Mi pais inventado (2003)

Of Love and Shadows (1987) / De amor y de sombra (1984)

Paula / Paula (1994)

La gorda de porcelana (1984)

Portrait in Sepia (2001) / Retrato en sepia (2000)

Stories of Eva Luna (1990) / Cuentos de Eva Luna (1989)

The Sum of our days: A Memoir / La suma de los dias (2007)

Zorro / El Zorro (2005)

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Literary Criticism and Interpretation of Isabel Allende

Selected books, chapters in books and journal articles available at USC.

Conversations with Isabel Allende.

Call Number: Doheny or Leavey PQ8098.1.L54Z465 2004

How and why I write: redefining Hispanic women's writing and experience

Call Number: Doheny PQ8055.P67 2003

See chapter entitled "Reading Paula as an autobiography of the writer" on Isabel Allende.

Isabel Allende - by Harold Bloom.

Call Number: Leavey PQ8098.1.L54Z695 2002

Isabel Allende : critical companion - Cox, Karen Castellucci.

Call Number: Doheny PQ8098.1.L54Z66 2003

Isabel Allende today: an anthology of essays

Call Number: Doheny PQ8098.1.L54Z73 2002

Isabel Allende's writing of the self: trespassing the boundaries of fiction and autobiography.

Call Number: Doheny PQ8098.1.L54Z83 2003

Isabel Allende: life and spirits

Call Number: Doheny and Grand PQ8098.1.L54Z47513 2002

Mourning Becomes "Paula": The Writing Process as Therapy for Isabel Allende. *Hispania*, Vol. 86, No. 2 (May, 2003) pp. 237-243 - Linda S. Maier
Fulltext of an online article from the JSTOR database.

Rebelling in the garden: critical perspectives on Isabel Allende, Cristina Peri Rossi, Luisa Valenzuela

Call Number: Doheny PQ7551.R43 1996

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