Introduction

Chilean American, Isabel Allende, arrived in the United States when her first novel La casa de los espíritus (House of the Spirits) became a bestseller. Her international status 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 cuantas historias de posion.

Contents on this page will assist you in getting started with:
I. searching selected databases and
II. with print and electronic sources of biographical and bibliographical information on Isabel Allende.

Getting Started I: Search Key Databases

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.

Getting Started II: Find Bio-bibliographical Information

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

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

Web Resources

- An Evening with Isabel Allende: A USC Visions & Voices Signature Event
  RSVP for the event here. Tickets are free to students, faculty and staff.

- Visions and Voices Web Site
  The USC Arts and Humanities Initiative.

- Isabel Allende's Official Website
  Books, Roots, Curiosities, and The Foundation.

- Isabel Allende cuantas historias de posion (English, with Spanish subtitles)
This guide is designed to support the November 17th, 2009 Visions & Voices Signature Event: An Evening with Isabel Allende. Find sources by and about the author and a list of her works.

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Isabel Allende: Guide to Resources

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Works by Isabel Allende

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 Infi nito, 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 Zareli.

- 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 afrodisíacos (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)
- Ines of my soul / Ines del alma mia (2006)
- Isla bajo el mar (2009)
- My Invented Country: a nostalgic journey through Chile / Mi pais inventado (2003)
- Paula / Paula (1994)
- La gorda de porcelana (1984)
- The Sum of our Days: A Memoir / La suma de los dias (2007)
- Zorro / El Zorro (2006)

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Literary Criticism on Isabel Allende

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Literary Criticism and Interpretation of Isabel Allende

- Conversations with Isabel Allende
  - Call Number: Doheny LG8096.1.L54265 2004

- How and why I write: redefining Hispanic women’s writing and experience
  - Call Number: Doheny QP6055.P67 2003

- See chapter entitled “Reading Paula as an autobiography of the writer” on Isabel Allende.

- Isabel Allende - by Harold Bloom
  - Call Number: Doheny LG8096.1.L54265 2002

- Isabel Allende : critical companion - Cox, Karen Castellucci
  - Call Number: Doheny QP6098.1.L54265 2003

- Isabel Allende today: an anthology of essays
  - Call Number: Doheny QP6098.1.L54273 2002

- Isabel Allende’s writing of the self: trespassing the boundaries of fiction and autobiography.
  - Call Number: Doheny QP6098.1.L54265 2003

- Isabel Allende: life and spirits
  - Call Number: Doheny QP6098.1.L54273 2002

  - Fulfillment of an online article from the JSTOR database.

- Rebell ing in the garden: critical perspectives on Isabel Allende, Cristina Peri Rossi, Luisa Valenzuela
  - Call Number: Doheny QP7551.R43 1990

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