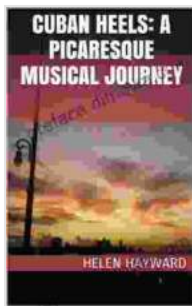


# Cuban Heels: A Picaresque Musical Journey

Cuban Heels is a picaresque musical journey that follows the adventures of a young Cuban woman as she travels from Havana to New York to Paris. Along the way, she encounters a cast of colorful characters and experiences a wide range of musical genres. The novel is a celebration of Cuban culture and the power of music to bring people together.



## Cuban Heels: a picaresque musical journey by Diane Rose

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## The Story

The novel begins in Havana, where our protagonist, María, is a young woman with a passion for music. She dreams of becoming a singer, but her family is poor and she has no connections. One day, she meets a mysterious stranger who offers her a chance to travel to New York City. María takes the chance and soon finds herself in the heart of the music world.

In New York, María meets a variety of musicians, from jazz musicians to salsa dancers. She learns about different musical styles and begins to develop her own unique sound. She also meets a man who falls in love with her, but their relationship is complicated by her ambition and his desire for her to stay in New York.

Eventually, María decides to leave New York and travel to Paris. She wants to experience the city's rich musical history and meet new musicians. In Paris, she meets a group of Cuban musicians who are struggling to make a living. María joins their band and together they begin to make a name for themselves.

The novel ends with María returning to Havana. She has achieved her dream of becoming a singer and she has a new appreciation for her Cuban heritage. She is a symbol of the power of music to bring people together and to overcome obstacles.

## **The Characters**

María is a complex and compelling character. She is a talented singer with a strong will and a determination to succeed. She is also a loving and loyal friend. María is a role model for young people who are pursuing their dreams.

The other characters in the novel are equally well-developed. They are all unique and interesting, and they each play an important role in María's journey. The cast of characters includes:

- Rafael: A mysterious stranger who helps María travel to New York.
- Juan: A Cuban musician who María falls in love with.

- Carlos: A Cuban musician who is struggling to make a living in Paris.
- Luisa: A Cuban singer who becomes María's mentor.

## The Themes

Cuban Heels is a novel about the power of music to bring people together and to overcome obstacles. It is also a novel about the importance of following your dreams and never giving up. The novel explores the themes of:

- The power of music
- The importance of following your dreams
- The strength of family and friends
- The importance of cultural heritage

## The Author

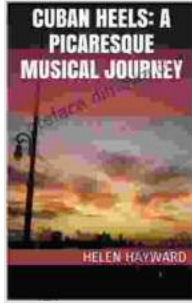
Cuban Heels is written by Margarita Engle, a Cuban-American author who is known for her award-winning poetry and novels for young adults. Engle has written extensively about Cuban culture and history, and her work has been praised for its authenticity and its ability to connect with readers of all ages.

Cuban Heels is a powerful and moving novel that celebrates the power of music and the importance of following your dreams. It is a must-read for anyone who loves music, Cuba, or a good story.

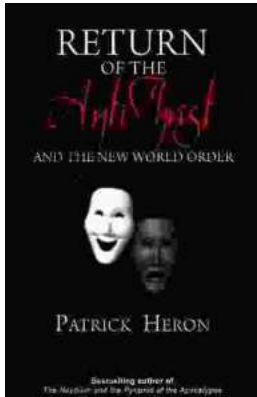
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