



# Isabel Allende

Chilean-American Acclaimed Novelist



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Isabel Allende is an internationally acclaimed author considered to be part of the Latin American feminist literary awakening. She is best known for her epic and highly autobiographical novel 'The House of Spirits', which was later released as a motion picture in 1993.

"A genius" **The Los Angeles Times**

### In detail

Born in Lima, Peru, she grew up in Chile and travelled around the world as the daughter of a Chilean diplomat. Isabel Allende worked with the United Nation's Food and Agriculture Organization in Santiago, then later in Brussels, Belgium, and in Europe. For a brief period in Chile, she also had a job translating Romance novels from English to Spanish. Reportedly, the CIA-backed military coup in 1973 "changed everything" for her because "her name meant she was caught up in finding safe passage for those on the wanted lists". In 2006, she was one of the eight flag bearers at the Opening Ceremony of the Winter Olympics in Turin, Italy. Her novels have been translated into 30 languages and sold more than 51 million copies.

### What she offers you

Isabel has lectured, done extensive book tours and has taught literature at several US colleges. In her writing, Allende deals with politics, history, and social institutions in a way that is all but passive.

### How she presents

Isabel's presentations give fascinating insights into how she is guided by a vision of a world in which women have achieved social and economic justice. This vision includes empowerment of women and girls and protection of women and children.

### Topics

- Globalisation
- Social Justice
- Human Rights
- Women's Rights
- Literature Workshops

### Languages

She presents in English and Spanish.

### Want to know more?

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### How to book her?

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### Publications

#### 2008

The Sum of Our Days

#### 2006

Inés of My Soul

#### 2005

Zorro

Forest of the Pygmies

#### 2002

City of the Beasts

#### 1991

The Infinite Plan

#### 1982

The House of the Spirits