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# El Plan Infinito (Spanish Edition)



## Synopsis

El Plan Infinito, de la celebrada escritora latinoamericana Isabel Allende, es su primera novela situada en los Estados Unidos y con personajes norteamericanos. Es la hipnotizante y conmovedora saga de un hombre que, durante los largos años de su juventud y madurez, busca amor y aceptación. Allende traza la pobreza y abandono de la niñez de su protagonista, la persecución de las pandillas de un barrio de Los Angeles, el horror de sus experiencias en Vietnam, su vida frenética como abogado en San Francisco---una serie de frustraciones que por fin se resuelven en acogida y redención.

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## Customer Reviews

I chose to read this book quite by accident. Wanting to keep up with Spanish as a second language, I decided to read on a regular basis. At the neighborhood bookstore, "El Plan Infinito" was the only Spanish book on the shelf. I was greatly rewarded by having so few options. The creation, development, and metamorphosis of the characters is astonishing. Isabel Allende is truly gifted in making characters come alive. That she can create credible characters that are so far afield of her own experience is an obvious indication of her talents as a writer. Age, ethnicity, culture, race, and gender offer no barrier to her ability to develop a character that the reader can see, understand, and most importantly, believe. Sra. Allende has an obvious gift for weaving the experiences and motivations of several complex characters into a single, well-woven cloth. The tragedy of this book is that it comes to an end. The characters cease to be simply characters drawn from another's

imagination; instead, they became real people who can be remembered and missed. As real people their lives would continue. But of course, a book must end, and we must simply savor the experience. "El Plan Infinito" is well-written and entertaining. Its characters speak to something that resides in all of us. Perhaps this is the key to the popularity of Sra. Allende's books. Vicariously, through her characters, we can give vent to the unconventional urges that reside deep within our psyche. The next book I read will be written by Isabel Allende.

Gregory Reeves grows up in a most unusual family--his father an itinerant New Age guru, his mother withdrawn and distant. When the father, Charles, falls ill, the family takes up residence in a Mexican neighborhood in Los Angeles, and the family's nomadic idyll comes to an end. Gregory faces many struggles, trying to survive in a new culture where he is never fully accepted. The book follows Gregory and the many people whose lives become entwined with his, through high school, the Viet Nam war, social change, college and law school, disastrous marriage, a second disastrous marriage, disturbed children, and a law office that is about to go bankrupt. The book is not tightly plotted, it simply flows and develops, very much like real life. And what a cast of characters--every one of them fascinating and unforgettable. What makes Allende's writing so remarkable is that every one of the characters--and at times there are almost too many--struggles toward the light, toward redemption, in his or her own way. And so, although these characters have terrible flaws and failings, you come to love them and wish them well. And by the end of the book, most of them--well, I won't spoil it for you. Author Isabel Allende has a unique way of creating a sense of intimate communion with her readers, so that you feel you have come to know her as well. I loved this book and I recommend it highly. Reviewed by Louis N. Gruber.

Interesante la forma en que nos cuenta la historia de varios personajes, alternando entre varios puntos de vista. La historia nos hace revisar la continua búsqueda de propósito en la vida, junto con los intentos de encontrar momentos de felicidad.

I read this book in Spanish and enjoyed it thoroughly. For some reason, I wasn't very enthusiastic at the beginning about reading it and once I started I could not put it down. Allende's wonderful story telling abilities are fully displayed in this book. Dedicated it to her lover, 'companionero', friend, husband, partner... it tells the story of the Reeves family in San Francisco... so endearing, loving, hard, funny, sad, and tender that you can't help feeling the deep emotions the characters and the story reflect all the way. In the most true style of literary magical realism this book is a jewel about

life, love and resilience. Loved it.

This book, like many of Isabel Allende's novels is filled with colorful, earthy characters whose lives are filled with "drama". Allende never disappoints as her story flows from one location to another, each described so vividly that the reader comes to know the area intimately. Her description of the protagonist's coming of age in a world so unlike that in which he was raised reflects the *naïveté*, the disillusion and the frustrations of a young man finding his own way in the world. The print in the paper back version is very small. If I were to purchase this book again, I would buy the hard cover edition.

He leído todos los libros de Isabel, y este es mi segundo favorito... (1ro esta la Casa de los Espiritus!)... la manera en que la Allende nos envuelve en el caracter de cada uno de los personajes es increíble.. El libro esta preciosamente narrado y el perfil de los personajes tan bien definido y claro que parece que los conocieramos a cada uno... Me parecio excelente..!

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