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The Dangerous Games of Fantasy

Lecture by Daína Chaviano

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The fantastic elements in literature are not just a different way of seeing and perceiving society. An overview of a writer's work reveals that fantasy can be a socially subversive and personally risky tool.

Daína Chaviano was born in Havana, Cuba. She holds a master's degree in English Language and Literature from the University of Havana. In Cuba she wrote several works of science fiction and fantasy, and she became the bestselling author in both genres in her country. After leaving the island, she successfully cultivated a hybrid narrative style that includes social, historical, paranormal, and mythological elements. Her work has been translated and published in almost 30 languages. She is a recipient of multiple awards, including the Anna Seghers Prize (Berlin Academy of the Arts, 1990), the Azorín Prize for Novel (Planeta, Spain, 1998), and the Goliardos International Award for Fantasy (Mexico, 2003). In 2003, she was the Guest of Honor at the 25th International Conference for the Fantastic in the Arts, a major academic event held annually in the United States.

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