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Book Presentation by Uva de Aragón

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A few weeks after Hurricane Andrew in 1994, the most destructive in U.S. history, a man and his young daughter die in a Miami channel. But the baby's body was never found. Twenty-three years later, the case is reopened because the girl's mother declares she has seen her. The case is assigned to Cuban- American detective María Duquesne—a literary nod from the author to Leonardo Padura and his character Mario Conde—, but María has very few leads to initiate the investigation. Is it possible that the baby didn't die? Is it simply the persistence of a desperate mother who doesn't accept her daughter's death? Through this detective novel, published by Eriginal Books, Uva de Aragón offers a multifaceted portrait of Hispanic society in Miami and Hialeah, with a few strokes in Tampa, Puerto Rico, and New York.

Born in Havana, Cuba, Dr. Uva de Aragón is the author of more than a dozen books, among them the novel *Memoria del silencio* (2002), published in a bilingual edition in 2014 and which served as the basis for the play of the same title, performed with great success in Caracas and Miami. Other titles include the short story collections *No puedo más* (1989) and *Ni verdad ni mentira* (1976). The digital edition of *El milagro de San Lázaro* (2016) quickly became a bestseller in its genre on Amazon.com. Many of her short stories and poems, some in English, appear in anthologies. She has received several literary prizes. She is currently a regular columnist for *El Nuevo Herald* and maintains the blog *Habanera soy*. Until her retirement in 2011, she was the Associate Director of the Cuban Research Institute at FIU, where she also taught.

This event, to be conducted in Spanish, is free and open to the public. For more information and to confirm your attendance, please call (305) 348-1991 or write cri@fiu.edu.