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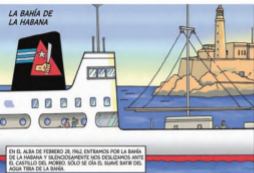
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Friday, October 27, 2017 | 8:00 PM | Altamira Libros | 219 Miracle Mile, Coral Gables

Through the format of the graphic novel, Anna Veltfort offers a glimpse into a chapter of Cuban history that has never been told before. *Adiós mi Habana* recounts the years Anna and her family spent in Cuba during the 1960s and early 1970s. She quickly perceived that daily life for ordinary Cubans bore little resemblance to the privileged circumstances of her family as “foreign technicians.” She discovered history, received an education, enjoyed and suffered “mass activities,” working in agriculture and participating in research conducted by the University of Havana in the Sierra Maestra Mountains. She also experienced gay paranoia and repression as she explored and defined her sexual identity by coming out as a lesbian during the time of the cruel homophobic purges that swept Cuban society.

**Anna Veltfort** was born in Darmstadt, Germany, and emigrated as a child to the United States. Her mother married an American, a veteran of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade during the Spanish Civil War. In 1962, he moved the family to Havana, Cuba, where Anna finished high school and earned a bachelor's degree in Art History at the University of Havana. In 1972, she returned to live in the United States and settled in New York City, where she became a designer and illustrator of books for children and adults. Since 2007, Anna maintains an archive of historical Cuban artefacts (documents, publications, graphic art, and music) that has attracted wide attention among Cubans and scholars interested in the Cuban Revolution.

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