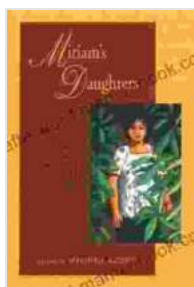


# Miriam Daughters: Jewish Latin American Women Poets

In the vibrant and diverse landscape of Latin American literature, the voices of Jewish women poets have often been overlooked. Yet these poets have made significant contributions to the literary and cultural traditions of their countries, and their work offers a unique perspective on the intersections of gender, ethnicity, and nationality.



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Three of the most prominent Jewish Latin American women poets are Miriam Schlesinger, Stella Corvalán, and Alicia Partnoy. These poets have all written extensively about their experiences as women, Jews, and Latin Americans, and their work has been praised for its honesty, insight, and beauty.

## Miriam Schlesinger

Miriam Schlesinger (b. 1923) is a Peruvian poet who writes in Spanish. She was born in Lima, the daughter of Polish Jewish immigrants. Schlesinger's

early exposure to different languages and cultures had a profound impact on her writing, which is often characterized by its multilingualism and its exploration of the complexities of identity.

Schlesinger's poetry often deals with themes of exile, memory, and loss. In her poem "A Place to Live," she writes about the experience of being a refugee, and the search for a home where she can feel safe and belong.



***“I don't know where to go***

***I am a refugee***

***I have lost my home***

***I am looking for a place to live”***

Schlesinger's work has been praised for its honesty and its ability to articulate the experiences of those who have been displaced and marginalized. She is a voice for the voiceless, and her poetry offers a glimpse into the lives of those who have often been forgotten.

## **Stella Corvalán**

Stella Corvalán (b. 1955) is an Argentine poet who writes in Spanish. She was born in Buenos Aires, the daughter of Holocaust survivors. Corvalán's experiences as a Jewish woman in a country with a history of anti-Semitism have had a profound impact on her writing, which often explores themes of trauma, memory, and resistance.

Corvalán's poetry is often characterized by its use of fragmented language and imagery. In her poem "Testimony," she writes about the experience of witnessing the Holocaust.



***“I saw the bodies***

***I heard the screams***

***I smelled the death***

***I tasted the fear”***

Corvalán's work has been praised for its power and its ability to bear witness to the horrors of the Holocaust. She is a voice for the victims of genocide, and her poetry offers a reminder of the importance of remembering and speaking out against injustice.

### **Alicia Partnoy**

Alicia Partnoy (b. 1955) is an Argentine-American poet who writes in Spanish and English. She was born in Mendoza, Argentina, but fled to the United States in 1975 to escape the military dictatorship. Partnoy's experiences as a political exile have had a profound impact on her writing, which often explores themes of trauma, identity, and language.

Partnoy's poetry is often characterized by its use of testimonio, a form of storytelling that combines personal narrative with historical documentation.

In her poem "The Little Dictator," she writes about the experience of being tortured by the military dictatorship.



***“They tied me to a chair***

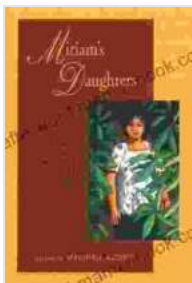
***They put a hood over my head***

***They beat me with sticks***

***They gave me electric shocks”***

Partnoy's work has been praised for its honesty and its ability to give voice to the victims of political violence. She is a voice for the voiceless, and her poetry offers a reminder of the importance of fighting for justice.

Miriam Schlessinger, Stella Corvalán, and Alicia Partnoy are just three of the many talented Jewish Latin American women poets who have made significant contributions to literature and culture. Their work offers a unique perspective on the intersections of gender, ethnicity, and nationality, and it is essential reading for anyone interested in the complexities of Latin American identity.



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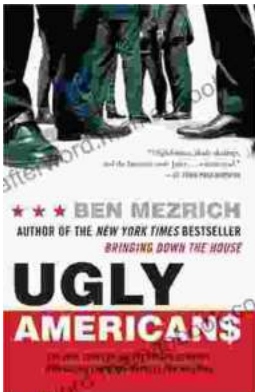
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