

**¡Yo!**

**Julia Alvarez**

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“¡Yo!” is the sequel to Julia Alvarez’s other book, “How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents.” It tells stories of the many people in Yolanda’s life and how the book she published affected them. It gives many different perspectives, from her sisters to a student she used to teach. Each story shows how Yolanda impacted or changed their lives, even if it was good or bad. It gives accounts from people from her childhood to people when she was an adult.

After I read the first book, I knew I wanted to read more from Julia Alvarez. I was ecstatic to find out there was a sequel to the first book and immediately got it to read. Reading all the different stories people had about Yolanda really immersed me into the story. It also allowed me to see who Yolanda truly was. It showed me her strengths and weaknesses, as well as the faults she has made against others. This book allowed us to go into depth into who Yolanda truly was as a person.

This book is more suited for teens to young adults. There are instances in the book, for instance, assault, that may be a bit graphic for the younger audiences. I definitely recommend buying this book, as this one and “How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents,” go hand in hand together.

Other books to read:

“How The Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents,” by Julia Alvarez

“Before We Were Free,” by Julia Alvarez

“Esperanza Rising,” by Pam Munoz Ryan

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