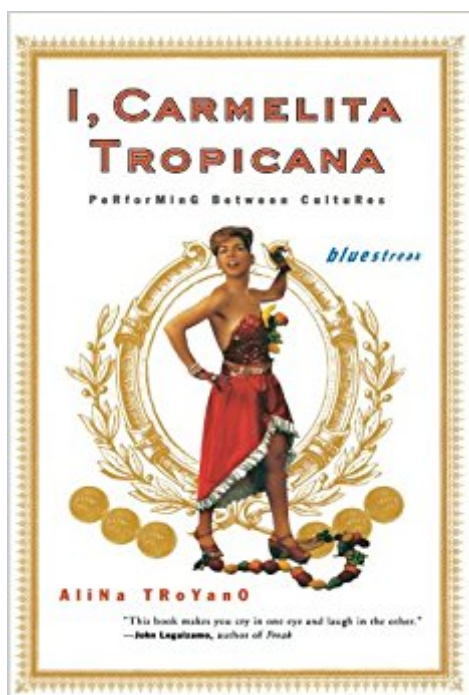


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# I, Carmelita Tropicana: Performing Between Cultures (Bluestreak)



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Alina Troyano's one-woman shows, plays, and essays have astonished audiences and readers with their creativity, humor, and crackling political energy. *I, Carmelita Tropicana* offers the first comprehensive collection of her work, from "Memorias de la RevoluciÃ³n" (with Uzi Parnes) to "Your Kunst is Your Waffan" (with Ela Troyano).

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*Carmelita Tropicana*, according to writer and performer Troyano, liberates the Cuban-feminist-lesbian-performance artist from thoughts that she is otherwise too self-conscious to speak. In this book, she collects some of *Tropicana's* work: four performance scripts, a screenplay, and three essays, all of which are well-developed, insightful, and humorous. She includes clear staging directions and actors' notes so that her work can be visualized by the reader and possibly future performers. A good addition to a variety of collections including lesbian studies, Cuban American studies, and theater. -J. Sara Paulk, Coastal Plain Regional Lib., Tifton, GA Copyright 2000 Reed Business Information, Inc.

This book makes you cry in one eye and laugh in the other. -John Leguizamo, author of *Freaky*  
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Dwellers of the Lower East Side have long known of the magic they call Carmelita

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