



The Second Death of Unica Aveyano: A Novel (Hardback)

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Random House USA Inc, United States, 2004. Hardback. Book Condition: New. 203 x 135 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. From the author of *The Lazarus Rumba* (His symphonic imagination proves mesmerizing. *New York Times Book Review*; *Wonderful*. *Los Angeles Times*), an inventive, poignant new novel. One night in April, Unica Aveyano sneaks out of her Miami nursing home and wanders toward the sea. Whether she intends to end her life or simply look at the ocean depends on whom you believe. She leaves behind her husband, a devoted nurse, the solicitude of her family and the images of a little boy named Elian Gonzalez that are all over the news. Her rash decision sets in motion a gorgeously told tale that is at once comedy and elegy. Every lived moment evokes for Unica a story from her past, and we live that past with her: from the ghosts of her mother and stepfather in 1930s Guantanamo, and her beloved but wayward son, who refused to leave Cuba with the rest of the family, to her exile in Miami and New York City. A chronicle of the familiar and the strange, of madness and clarity, of the...



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