

Rita Moreno: A Memoir



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A Candid Autobiography by the EGOT Award-Winning Actress

Rita Moreno is an EGOT Award-winning actress, singer, and dancer who has starred in over 200 films and television shows. Her career spans over seven decades, and she has worked with some of the biggest names in Hollywood, including Marlon Brando, James Dean, and Elvis Presley.

In her memoir, *Rita Moreno: A Memoir*, Moreno opens up about her life and career with candor and humor. She discusses her early struggles as a Latina actress in Hollywood, her relationships with her famous friends and colleagues, and her triumphs and heartbreaks.

Moreno's memoir is a fascinating and inspiring read for anyone interested in Hollywood history, Latina culture, or the life of a legendary actress.

Early Life and Career

Rita Moreno was born Rosa Dolores Alverío Marcano in Humacao, Puerto Rico, on December 11, 1931. Her parents were Francisco José Alverío, a farmer, and Rosa María Marcano, a seamstress. Moreno's family moved to New York City when she was five years old.

Moreno began her acting career as a child, appearing in Spanish-language films and on Broadway. In 1950, she made her Hollywood debut in the film *The Toast of New Orleans*. Moreno went on to star in a number of films and television shows, including *Singin' in the Rain* (1952), *The King and I* (1956), and *West Side Story* (1961).

Hollywood Stardom

Moreno's performance as Anita in *West Side Story* earned her an Academy Award for Best Supporting Actress. She is the first Latina actress to win an Oscar. Moreno went on to star in a number of other films and television

shows, including *The Four Seasons* (1981), *The Electric Company* (1971-1977), and *Oz* (1997-2003).

Personal Life

Moreno has been married twice. Her first marriage, to Leonard Gordon, lasted from 1965 to 1976. Her second marriage, to Grant Tinker, lasted from 1983 until his death in 2016. Moreno has one daughter, Fernanda Gordon.

Legacy

Rita Moreno is a legendary actress who has made a significant contribution to Hollywood history. She is an inspiration to Latinas and to all who dream of achieving their goals. Moreno's memoir is a candid and inspiring account of her life and career, and it is a must-read for anyone interested in the entertainment industry.



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