



Finding Mañana, Mirta Ojito
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Mirta Ojito has been a newspaper reporter for 20 years, first in The Miami Herald and, from 1996 to 2002, in The New York Times, where she covered immigration, among other beats, for the Metro Desk.

Throughout her career she has received several awards, including the American Society of Newspaper Editor's writing award for best foreign reporting in 1999 for a series of articles about life in Cuba, and a shared Pulitzer for national reporting in 2001 for a New York Times series of articles about race in America.

Ms. Ojito is a Phi Theta Kappa graduate of Miami-Dade College. She went on to Florida Atlantic University and, later, to Columbia University for a Master's Degree in Journalism. Her work has been included in several anthologies including *To Mend the World: Women Reflect on 9/11*, and *Written into History: Pulitzer Prize Reporting of the Twentieth Century* from The New York Times.

Ms. Ojito, who was born in Cuba, came to the United States in the 1980 Mariel boatlift when she was 16. Her first book, *Finding Mañana: A Memoir of a Cuban Exodus* (The Penguin Press), was released in 2005. She is now an assistant professor at Columbia's Graduate School of Journalism, in New York City, where she continues to write for The Times and other publications.