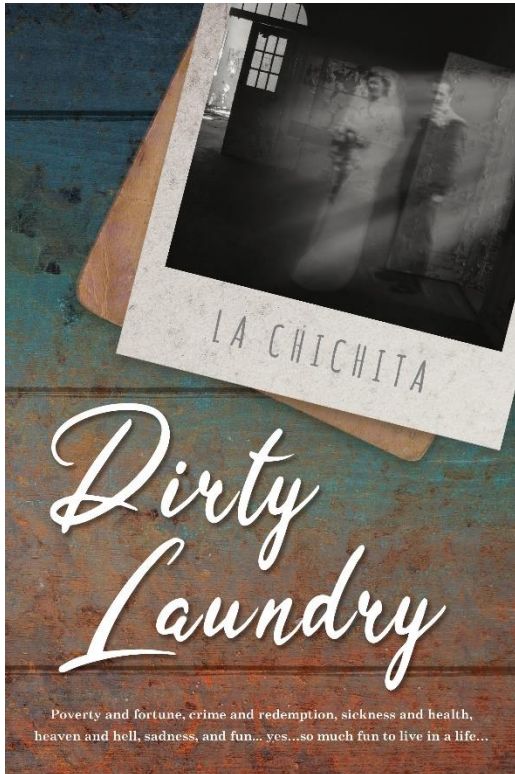


Dirty Laundry

LA CHICHITA



POVERTY AND FORTUNE, CRIME AND REDEMPTION, SICKNESS AND HEALTH, HEAVEN AND HELL, SADNESS, AND FUN... YES...SO MUCH FUN TO LIVE IN A LIFE...

Dirty Laundry tells the fascinating detailed story of a family led by La Macaca and opens through the voice of a very smart young child, Emanuel, who wants to collect the stories of the family into a book. As the different characters tell the stories to Emanuel, he discovers that this is a special family with many secrets. Then the questions arise, littered within the various multi-layered points of view that blend through the chronicle of a history in this family.

How will Emanuel keep all of these amazing stories in one book? Let alone, discover how his family has survived after so many unbelievable events in all their lives?

Poignant and reflective, inspiring, and entertaining, this book will help you question; make you laugh aloud, and in the least, quiz your sanity.

Could all this all be true, or just a magical turn in a young boy's story?

AUTHOR BIO

La Chichita is a retired teacher who has been living in Sydney since the early 1970s. She arrived in Australia from Argentina as a migrant and since then, she has completed several university degrees as well as a post-graduate degree. She has worked in the education sector as a head teacher and at present, aged 73, she is still working as a teacher and as a professional Spanish interpreter and translator. She has also travelled extensively.

She has written several substantial pieces of educational materials in the past, but 'Dirty Laundry' is her first novel.

She was inspired by the works of several Latin American authors who wrote about magical realism and so experimented with concept. Her book differs from those as the setting, characters, themes, and storyline are original and markedly positioned in Australia. The plot derives from some life experiences coupled with an avid imagination.

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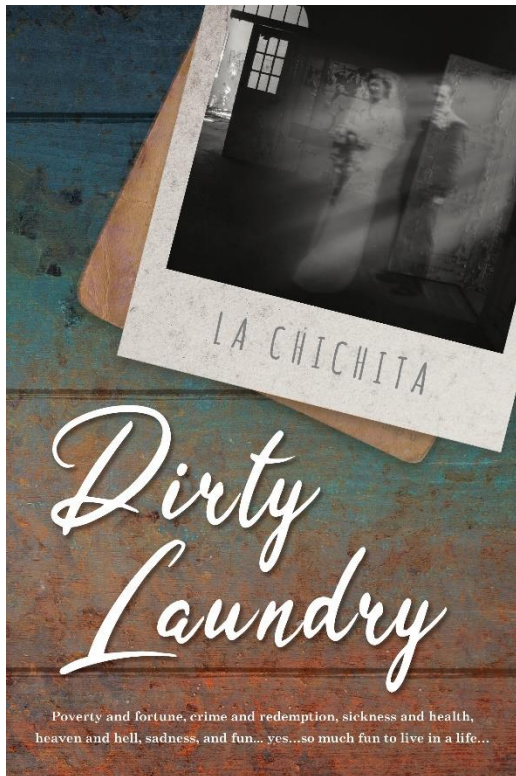
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A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR

WHY DID YOU WRITE 'DIRTY LAUNDRY'? WHAT WERE YOUR INSPIRATIONS?

Initially I wanted to leave a legacy for my family, like my memoir. However, I found that there were so many secrets and innuendos that I should really want to cover up to avoid embarrassment and guilty feelings, so I knew I needed to disguise the truth somehow or modify it. So, the idea of a novel arose. Then as I was writing the book, my imagination took over the story and some quirky ideas were developed.

DO YOU HIDE ANY SECRETS IN YOUR BOOKS THAT ONLY A FEW PEOPLE WILL FIND?

I hope everyone will discover all the secrets in my book. My book is certainly interactive and holds numerous secrets.

HOW HAD YOU DECIDED ON THE BEST CHARACTERS FOR THE BOOK?

The story line decided it for me.

HOW LONG ON AVERAGE DOES IT TAKE YOU TO WRITE A BOOK?

It took me about five years to write this book, mainly because I was disappointed with some critics at some stage and wanted to give up.

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