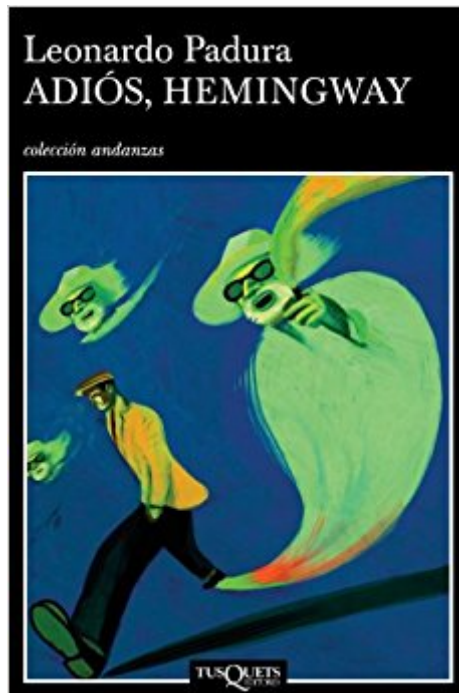


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En la memoria de Mario Conde todavía brilla el recuerdo de su visita a Cojimar de la mano de su abuelo. Aquella tarde de 1960, en el pequeño pueblo de pescadores, el niño tuvo la ocasión de ver a Hemingway en persona y, fascinado, se atrevió a saludarlo. Cuarenta años después, abandonado su cargo de teniente investigador en la policía y dedicado a vender libros de segunda mano, Mario Conde regresa a Finca Vigía, la casa museo de Hemingway en las afueras de La Habana, para enfrentarse a un extraño caso: en el jardín de la propiedad han sido descubiertos los restos de un hombre que, según la autopsia, murió hace cuarenta años de dos tiros en el pecho. Junto al cadáver aparecía también una placa del FBI. Mientras Conde trata de desentrañar lo que sucedió allí en una noche decisiva de octubre de 1958, el lector asiste a los últimos años del escritor norteamericano, a sus obsesiones y a su entorno habanero, desde donde refulgen algunos objetos inquietantes, como un revólver del calibre 22 que el escritor guardaba envuelto en una prenda íntima de Ava Gardner. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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This is another well-written and entertaining read from Mr. Padura. Hemingway fans, in particular, will appreciate this fascinating story imagined and constructed by Padura Fuentes that weaves in known aspects of the U.S. author's life in Cuba, including his house, boat, haunts, and associates. Even Ava Gardner has an intriguing cameo of sorts. This book is available in an English translation and I've taken advantage of this to recommend Padura to English-speaking friends. All reports have

been positive; hopefully we'll see more from the publisher in years to come. Gracias, Don Leonardo. Muy bien hecho, nuevamente.

Padura has become emblematic of Cuban contemporary Cuban writers. Without exhibiting overt political opinions in his themes, nevertheless he places characters in situations that clearly describe the authoritarian cultural reality enveloping his characters. His Mario Conde detective character is intimately portrayed and the mannerisms, thoughts and human emotions of this wasted failed aspiring writer (in the character's defeated view) gains the affection of the reader. His vocabulary in Spanish is superior, the ease of his descriptions vivid. His intense emotional ties to his mother country drip in every sentence. The translation seemed weak but it was cursorily read for the moment. The love hate relationship with Papa Hemingway becomes an internal motivation to propel the ex detective to continue searching for clues to the mystery. His descriptive eroticism is an outstanding feature of his works which Padura readers expect. Padura's most ambitious and remarkable work is "El hombre que amaba los perros"

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