

For fans of *I Am Malala* comes this poignant novel based on the true story of one girl's unforgettable journey to self-discovery.

Born in an Andean village in Ecuador, Virginia lives with her family in a small, earthen-walled dwelling. In her Indigenous community, it is not uncommon to work in the fields all day, even as a child, or to be called a *longa tonta*—stupid Indian—by members of the privileged class of mestizos, or Spanish descendants. When seven-year-old Virginia is taken from her home to be a servant to a mestizo couple, she has no idea what the future holds.

In this poignant novel based on her own story, the inspiring María Virginia Farinango has collaborated with acclaimed author Laura Resau to recount one girl's unforgettable journey to find her place in the world. It will make you laugh and cry, and ultimately, it will fill you with hope.

Laura Resau is the award-winning author of nine highly acclaimed young adult and middle grade novels, including *The Lightning Queen*, *Tree of Dreams*, *What the Moon Saw*, *Red Glass*, *Star in the Forest*, and the Notebook series. **María Virginia Farinango** is currently a clinical psychologist, helping children and teens overcome trauma.

M. L. Sanchez, an accomplished audiobook narrator and author, embarked on her narrating journey in 2022. Formerly rooted in the world of finance, she made a resolute shift toward her true calling: storytelling. Her rich cultural background infuses her narrations with depth and understanding, elevating each story she tells.

Read by M. L. Sanchez



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