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A true believer is faced with a choice between love for his family and the Cuban Revolution.

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—*Los Angeles Times*

"*Ruins* is a beautifully written novel, a moving testament to the human spirit of an unlikely hero who remains unbroken even as the world collapses around him . . . A fine literary achievement, it's Achy Obejas at her very best."

—*El Paso Times*

"[A] superb novel . . . Highly recommended."

—*Library Journal*

"[An] honest and superbly written book."

—*Miami Herald*

"With the deft and evocative detail of a poet's, Obejas's prose is as illuminating and honest as her struggling protagonist."

—*Publishers Weekly*

Usnavy has always been a true believer. When the Cuban Revolution triumphed in 1959, he was just a young man and eagerly signed on for all of its promises. But as the years have passed, the sacrifices have outweighed the glories and he's become increasingly isolated in his revolutionary zeal. His friends openly mock him, his wife dreams of owning a car totally outside their reach, and his beloved fourteen-year-old daughter haunts the coast of Havana, staring north.

In the summer of 1994, a few years after the collapse of the Soviet Union, the government allows Cubans to leave at will and on whatever will float. More than 100,000 flee—including Usnavy's best friend. Things seem to brighten when he stumbles across what may or may not be a priceless Tiffany lamp that reveals a lost family secret and fuels his long repressed feelings . . . But now Usnavy is faced with a choice between love for his family and the Revolution that has shaped his entire life.

Achy Obejas is the author of various books, including the award-winning novel *Days of Awe* and the best-selling poetry chapbook *This Is What Happened in Our Other Life*. She is the editor of Akashic's critically acclaimed crime-fiction anthology *Havana Noir*, and the translator (into Spanish) for Junot Diaz's *The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao*. Currently, she is the Sor Juana Writer in Residence at DePaul University in Chicago. She was born in Havana and continues to spend extended time there.

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