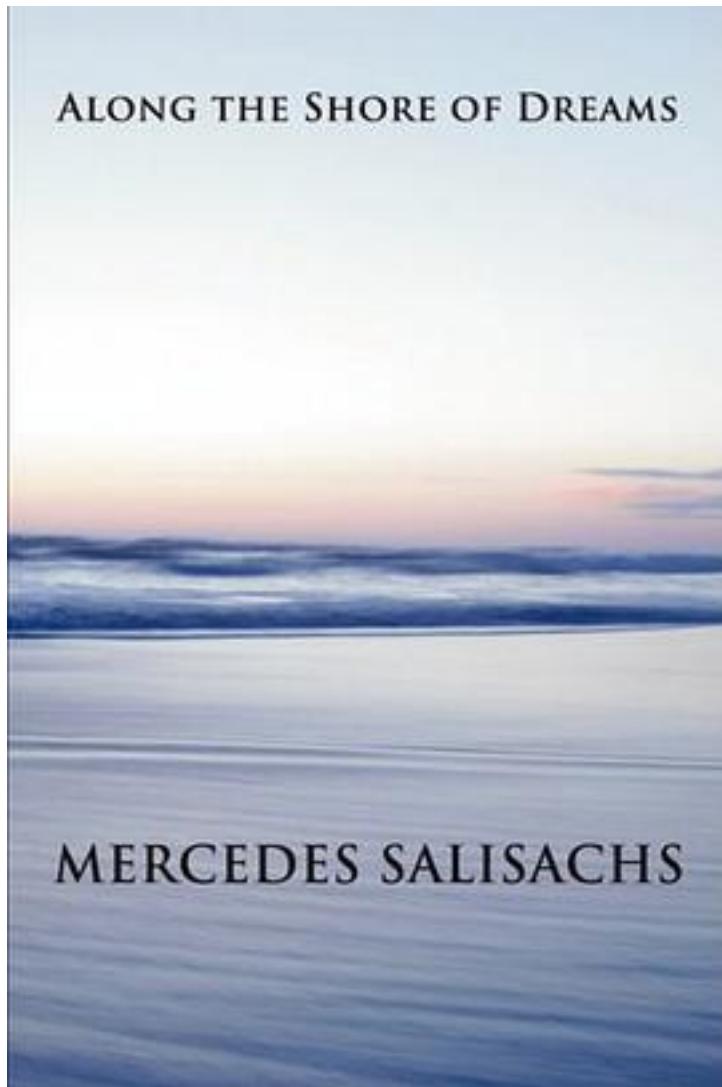


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When his parents start hurling terrible accusations back and forth, and his mother's absences become more frequent and prolonged, Jacob is sure a wicked witch must be involved. In a futile attempt at self-preservation, the not quite six-year-old tries to make himself as unobtrusive as possible. Until one day, he is abruptly packed off to Spain to spend the summer with his enigmatic uncle, the famous painter Eduardo Santillana. There Jacob finds a fanciful world of flying horses, kind extraterrestrials, evil princesses and surprisingly friendly grown-ups. Uncle Eduardo seems to delight in making his nephew's every wish come true, while his remarkable assortment of friends neither ridicule the child, nor shunt him aside. To the contrary: pronouncing him their "mascot," they include him in all of their exciting games, which often last from dusk to dawn. Then another wicked witch arrives on the scene with designs to plunge Jacob once more into the familiar abyss of uncertainty and loss... In her most recently translated work, *Along the Shore of Dreams*, award-winning author Mercedes Salisachs demonstrates yet again her uncanny ability to penetrate the human psyche, this time expertly dissecting the emotions and anguish of a young child at the mercy of a succession of self-absorbed adults. With a sure hand, she navigates the richly-layered fantasies of a boy seeking protection from a harsh and unfathomable world-with devastating consequences.

MERCEDES SALISACHS: Born in Barcelona, Spain, Mercedes Salisachs is one of the most prominent contemporary Spanish writers. She has received numerous distinctions during her extensive literary career, including the prestigious Gran Cruz de la Orden Civilde Alfonso X el Sabio and the Premio Ciudad de Barcelona for her novel *Una Mujer Llega al Pueblo*, the premio Planeta, Spain's most lucrative award, for her novel, *La Gangrena*, the premio Ateneo de Sevilla for her novel *El Volumen de la Ausencia* and the premio Fernando Lara for her novel *El ltimo Laberinto*. The author of more than thirty novels, Mercedes Salisachs has lectured in several countries and has contributed to numerous national periodicals and journals. Her works have been translated into English, Russian, French, Italian, Portuguese, German, Swedish, Finnish, Afrikaans and Lithuanian.

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