NAMES AND TERMS FOR:
ANNA IN THE TROPICS
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This winner of the 2003 Pulitzer Prize for Drama is set in Tampa, Florida in 1929. The eight characters are all Cuban or Cuban-American. The following is a list, with pronunciation, of the Spanish names and terms spoken by the characters during the action of the play.

The stress mark ['] precedes the syllable to be stressed. For a demonstration of the International Phonetic Alphabet symbols used, go to: http://www.paulmeier.com/ipa/charts.html

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Pronunciation tips
For Caribbean Spanish note that:
- post-vocalic /s/ gets a very light treatment, known as “eating the /s/” The resulting sound often sounds more like [h].
- both /v/ and /b/ are pronounced as the voiced bilabial fricative [β].
- /r/, while trilled or flapped, sometimes has some /l/ quality to it. This is highly variable according to position.
- initial /h/ is always silent.

Adios [adi'os]
Argentina [aryen'tina]
Ave Maria ['ave ma'ria]
Bravo ['braβo]
Cacique [ka'sike]
Camacho [ka'matʃo]
Caprichos [ka'priʃos]
Carmela [kar'mela]
Cheche ['tʃetʃe]
Colabrava [kola'braβa]
Conchas Finas ['konʃas 'finas]
Conchita [kon'tʃita]
Coquetas [ko'ketas]
Crestafuerte ['kreʃtəfɛɾte]
Cuba ['kuβa]

Cuello de Jaco ['kmeλo de 'hako]
Diamante Negro [dia'mante 'negro]
Don Quixote [don ki'hoɾe]
Dona Ofelia ['donja o'felia]
Eliades [eli'aøes] or [e'liæes]
Entreactos [entre'aktos]
Espuela de Oro [es'puela de 'oro]
Falcon de Acero [fal'kon de a'sero]
Granada [gra'naða]
Guanabacoa [,wanaba'koa]
guava ['gwaβa]
guayabera [,gwaja'βera]
Havana [a'βana]
Regalia de Salon
[,rega'lia de sa'lon] or
[re'galia]
Rosario [ro'sario]
Saint Candelaria [- kande'laria]
Salazar [sala'sar]
Salud [sa'lud]
Santiago [san'ti'ago]
señoras y señores
[sen'joras i sen'jores]
Spain [es'pen]
Taino Indians [taino ~]
Tampa ['tampa]
Teodoro [teo'doro]
Unaroja [una'roha]
Valentino [ba'len'tino]
Vuelta Abajo [bu'elt_a'bah0]