

**NAMES AND TERMS FOR:
ANNA IN THE TROPICS
by Nilo Cruz**

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 'pritʃos]

Carmela [kar 'mela]

Cheche ['tʃetʃe]

Colabrava [kola 'braβa]

Conchas Finas ['kontʃas 'finas]

Conchita [kon 'tʃita]

Coquetas [ko 'ketas]

Crestafuerte ['krest 'fmerʃe]

Cuba ['kuβa]

Cuello de Jaco ['kuelo de 'hako]

Diamante Negro

[dia 'manʃe 'negro]

Don Quixote [don ki 'hoʃe]

Dona Ofelia ['donja o 'felia]

Eliades [eli 'aðes] or [e 'liaðes]

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]

hombre [ˈombre]
Jose Marti [hoˈse marˈti]
Juan Julian Rios
[huan huliˈan ˈrios]
Leonardo [ˌleoˈnarðo]
Magnifico [ˌmagˈnifiko]
Manola [maˈnola]
Marela [maˈrela]
Ofelia Alcarar [oˈfeliˌalkaˈlar]
oidores [oiˈðores]
Palomo [paˈlomo]
Panama [panaˈma]
Pascual Torino
[pasˈkwal ˈtoˌrino]
Peppino Mellini [peˈpino meˈʎini]
Perfecto [perˈfekto]
Picarubio [pikaˈrubio]
Pinar del Rio [piˈnar del ˈrio]
purissima [puˈrisima]

Regalia de Salon
[ˌregaˈlia de saˈlon] or
[reˈgalia]
Rosario [roˈsario]
Saint Candelaria [ˌkandeˈlaria]
Salazar [salaˈsar]
Salud [saˈlud]
Santiago [santiˈago]
senoras y senores
[senˈjoras i senˈjores]
Spain [esˈpen]
Taino Indians [ˈtaino ~]
Tampa [ˈtampa]
Teodoro [teoˈðoro]
Unaroja [unaˈroja]
Valentino [balenˈtino]
Vuelta Abajo [buˈeltˌaˈbaho]