So Far From God: A Novel
**Synopsis**

"A delightful novel...impossible to resist."—Barbara Kingsolver, Los Angeles Times Book Review

Sofia and her fated daughters, Fe, Esperanza, Caridad, and la Loca, endure hardship and enjoy love in the sleepy New Mexico hamlet of Tome, a town teeming with marvels where the comic and the horrific, the real and the supernatural, reside.

**Book Information**

Paperback: 256 pages  
Publisher: W. W. Norton & Company; Reprint edition (June 17, 2005)  
Language: English  
ISBN-10: 0393326934  
Product Dimensions: 5.5 x 0.7 x 8.3 inches  
Shipping Weight: 0.8 ounces (View shipping rates and policies)  
Average Customer Review: 4.0 out of 5 stars—See all reviews (63 customer reviews)  
Best Sellers Rank: #73,222 in Books (See Top 100 in Books)  
> United States > Hispanic  
#95 in Books > Literature & Fiction  
> United States > Hispanic  
#144 in Books > Literature & Fiction > Women’s Fiction > Sisters  
#153 in Books > Literature & Fiction > Women’s Fiction > Mothers & Children

**Customer Reviews**

Hispanic writing today seems to fall within three distinct categories, i.e., contemporary fiction (mostly urban in context), historical fiction and mystical fiction. This novel is most emphatically a work of mystical fiction. Set in Chicana country the story is both down-to-earth and full of unearthly happenings. Its matter-of-fact delivery serves to make the magical believable. When one character is dying of AIDS, a Doctor Tolentino and his wife come to help her. His ministrations involve prayers and cotton wool soaked in holy oil. But then he reaches into La Loca’s stomach ‘maintaining his left “material” hand in the opening, while the right “spirit” hand sought out the maladies’ and ‘pulled out some cystic fibroids and finally a tumour…’ The lines between the surgical and the miraculous are blurred and anything seems possible. Castillo uses a direct colloquial style with little regard for punctuation, almost as if the writer is confiding her thoughts directly to the reader. Each chapter is prefaced with a description of what is going to happen next but phrased in such a way as to make the book impossible to put down. For instance: ‘Of the Hideous Crime of Francisco el Penitente, and his Pathetic Calls Heard Throughout the Countryside as His Body Dangled from a Pinnion like a Crow-Picked Pear; and of the End of Caridad and Her Beloved Emerald Which We Nevertheless...
Will Refrain from Calling Tragic.

'So Far from God is a tale both tragic and funny; a hymn to women's endurance and to the harshness of their lives. It is a heavily allegorical tale. The novel has Sofia, the embodiment of "wisdom," at its core, a mother who survives the death of her four daughters: Esperanza, Fe, Caridad, and La Loca. The names of the first three daughters denote the three major Christian ideals.

Download to continue reading...

FAR/AIM 2016: Federal Aviation Regulations/Aeronautical Information Manual (FAR/AIM series)
FAR-AMT 2017: Federal Aviation Regulations for Aviation Maintenance Technicians (FAR/AIM series)
FAR/AIM 2017: Federal Aviation Regulations / Aeronautical Information Manual (FAR/AIM series)
FAR-AMT 2015: Federal Aviation Regulations for Aviation Maintenance Technicians (FAR/AIM series)
So Far from God: A Novel Tan lejos de Dios [So Far From God (Texto Completo)]
Far From Equilibrium The Everything Chinese Cookbook: From Wonton Soup to Sweet and Sour Chicken-300 Succulent Recipes from the Far East (Everything Series)
Armoured Warfare in the Far East 1937 - 1945 (Images of War)
There's a Moose in My Garden: Designing Gardens in Alaska and the Far North
FAR/AIM 2017 Second Person Queer: Who You Are (So Far)
Eldorado!: The Archaeology of Gold Mining in the Far North (Historical Archaeology of the American West)
Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) as of 01/2010
So Far Gone, Girl: A Gone Girl Parody
Ancient Maya Life in the Far West
Bajo: Social and Environmental Change in the Wetlands of Belize (Anthropological Papers)
A Land of Ghosts: The Braided Lives of People and the Forest in Far Western ia
The Far Horizons: Thirty Years Among The Gauchos Of Uruguay
A Christmas Far from Home: An Epic Tale of Courage and Survival during the Korean War
A Bridge Too Far: The Classic History of the Greatest Battle of World War II

Dmca