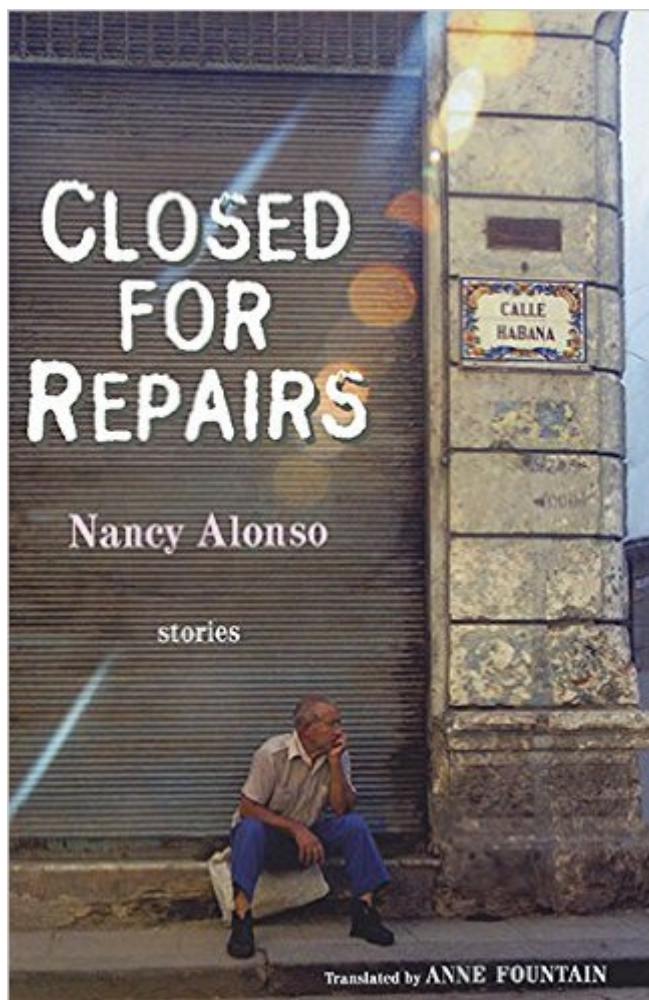


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# Closed For Repairs: Stories (Lannan Translation Selection (Curbstone Press))



## **Synopsis**

Closed for Repairs is a series of eleven vignettes that depict Cuban ingenuity in the face of urban problems. Each solution is framed with humor and irony and gives a glimpse of life on the island today. In a clever fashion, Nancy Alonso shows us the spirit of resolve on the part of Cubans when faced with such issues as transportation problems, lack of water, and the shortage of consumer goods and construction materials caused by the embargo. Illuminating the endurance and resilience of the Cuban people, these stories will make you chuckle. Alonso's sly wit is compelling as she satirizes the bureaucracy—an element of her work that will resonate universally.

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This is a wonderful collection of stories from contemporary Cuba, both uniquely Cuban yet accessible to anyone. I highly recommend this work and hope that more of Alonso's stories will be translated into English.

I learned about this book through my professor because it was one of a few mandatory readings. I loved this book! Usually I only read it if I have to (which partly credits to this selection) but once I began reading this book, I could not put it down. The best and most memorable moment was personally meeting this author. The book mentions different scenes that (unless you're familiar with some history) will make you envision as if you were experiencing those moments. I look forward to

reading more of nancy Alonso's book, she is amazing and kind hearted.

Nancy Alonso's wit, insight and description of the challenges facing the Cuban people today resonates those who have family and friends living in Cuba today as well as those who care about Cuba. The translation reads so well, it sometimes feels like one is standing in the sidelines of the stories. What a wonderful series of vignettes.

What great translations for such wonderful stories! D.E.O., Parkland College Champaign, IL

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