

El funeral de Lolita

Lolita's Funeral



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"I don't know if you've been told, but Roberto has passed away," begins the message from Rocío, an old school acquaintance; Helena's heart skips a beat. It was like the day when she discovered that she'd fallen in love with her literature teacher. Now she'd have to confront his death and her memories of him. Helena knows about death (both her parents died, each in very different circumstances), but Roberto's death is set to bring back all her demons. Helena is a respected and acerbic restaurant critic, but she feels lost. Back in Alcalá de Henares, far away from the magazine where she works and from her partner, she allows her memories to make knots in her stomach. At the funeral she meets Rocío and also Laura, Roberto's widow, who insists on giving her his diary - a diary that holds a very different version of the story she recalls. What will she do? Will she allow her story to be rewritten?

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