

# La Catrina Summary

## Capítulo 1

As Jamie sits in her room in Los Ángeles, she tells us about her family and the reasons for her upcoming adventures in México. We learn that her mother is from Puerto Rico and her father, from Querétaro, México. She received a scholarship to study in Querétaro for the summer. This trip will allow Jamie to improve her Spanish and to find out about her great grandmother who died before the Mexican Revolution. Her great grandmother was a wealthy, famous woman who mysteriously disappeared. Jamie shows us a picture of her and tells us that her nickname was "La Catrina."

Jamie's Spanish teacher wraps up class with a reminder to her students to keep speaking, practicing, and reading in Spanish over the summer. "La maestra (the teacher)" informs the class that Jamie and Felipe will be spending their summer in México. Jamie speaks with Felipe after class and reminds him that they must speak in Spanish. They meet at 8:00 on Friday and travel by plane to Mexico City. From there, they take a train to Querétaro. We meet a new character, Santana, who seems unusually interested in the conversation between Jamie and Felipe on the train. Meanwhile, in Querétaro, Jamie's host family eagerly awaits "his" arrival. There's been a mix-up, and they believe Jamie to be a boy. This presents a problem since the Navarro's have a son, Carlos, with whom the American would share, a room. Needless to say, Carlos is very excited to meet Jamie. Santana makes a phone call to the Biblioteca Central to inform the director, Demetrio Alcocer, that Jamie and Felipe are, indeed, in Querétaro.