

# Judith Ortiz Cofer



Judith Ortiz Cofer was born in Hormigueros, a small town in Puerto Rico. When she was a young child her father's military career took the family to Paterson, New Jersey, but she often spent her childhood traveling back and forth between Puerto Rico and the U.S. At 15, her family moved again, this time to Augusta, Georgia, where she eventually earned a BA in English from Augusta College. She later earned an MA in English from Florida Atlantic University and did graduate work at Oxford University. In 2010, Ortiz Cofer was inducted into the Georgia Writers Hall of Fame. Her work explores the rifts and gaps that arise between her split cultural heritages.