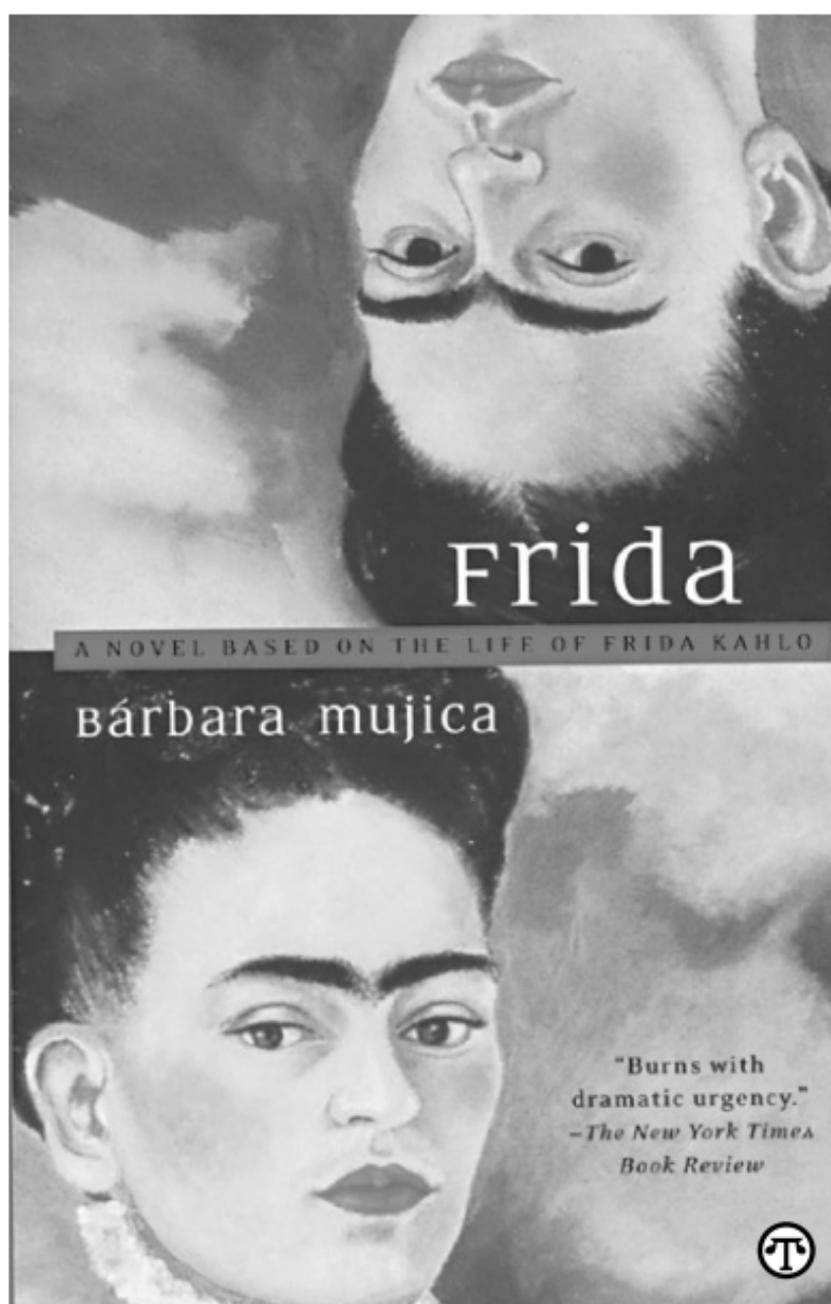




Reading For Pleasure Dept.

An Artist's Life

(NAPSA)—A new book paints an extraordinary picture of artist Frida Kahlo, as fictitiously told by her younger sister, Cristina.



A new book portrays the life of celebrated artist Frida Kahlo.

The book, called *Frida* (Plume, \$14.00), by Barbara Mujica, traces the artist from a childhood shadowed by polio to an accident that left her unable to have children, to her marriage to larger-than-life muralist Diego Rivera, to her tragic decline into alcoholism and drug abuse. Through it all, Cristina is her sister's intimate confidante—and her bitter rival when she has an indiscreet affair with Rivera.

Set against a tumultuous background of Mexican politics and history during the first half of the 20th century, the book has been called a “towering tale of love, jealousy, betrayal and sibling rivalry, played out on a teeming canvas.”

Frida can help readers understand the essence of Kahlo, a passionate and gifted artist.

A reading group guide is available at www.penguinputnam.com. *Frida* is available wherever books are sold.