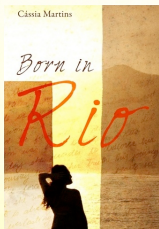


*"This story has changed me.
So I wrote it, to share with you."*

- Cássia Martins



Rita Ray doesn't care for personal relationships. A driven 37-year-old, she has dedicated the last 15 years of her life to her New York banking career. Raised by a hard-working woman who fled to the United States from Brazil, Rita's foremost ambition is to succeed in the business world, while sticking to an all-consuming routine in Manhattan.

But a call from a hospital back in Florida will change the course of her life. Rita will be left with no choice but to put aside her ambitious plans and embark on a journey. When encountering evidence of a past she never knew she had, she is forced to not only come to terms with long-buried memories, but to also experience an unexpected, and life-changing, turn of events in Brazil.

A Note from the Author

Born in Rio was conceived in precisely nine months. Inspired by real events, it was written during the year I decided to go back to my birthplace, Brazil, after spending most of my life away. Besides writing an engaging and heartwarming story about a woman's quest to uncover her roots, I aimed at capturing the culture and energy of Brazil as the plot unfolds.

Rita's inspiring journey to discover her story in Brazil and the dramatic events that develop will keep readers turning pages late into the night. A tale of forgiveness, resilience and new beginnings, *Born in Rio* portrays a woman's courage to change and face her truth... in no better place than a *Marvelous City*.

From my heart to yours,

Cássia Martins



Acclaimed Reviews



*Finalist of the Indie
Discovery Awards,
Book Expo America,
New York City 2012*

Featured on the books section of
USAToday

*"Martins effectively captures life
in Brazil's most famous city."*

- Publishers Weekly

*"A colorful story of personal
growth that ripens in Rio."*

- Kirkus Review

"...beautifully written first effort."

★★★★★ 4 stars!

- IndieReader.com

*"...a strong pick for contemporary
fiction collections."*

- Midwest Book Review

*"A well-written novel of growth,
forgiveness and new beginnings,
with the added bonus of the
Brazilian setting."*

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