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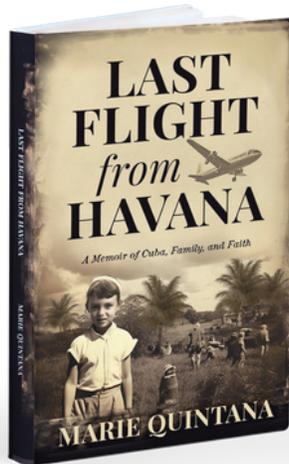
Marie Quintana, author of *Last Flight From Havana*, is a distinguished business leader with a 30-year career in Corporate America, holding key positions at companies like Tenet Healthcare, PepsiCo, Perot Systems, and IBM. She's recognized as one of the Top 50 Hispanic Women in Business by Hispanic Business Magazine, Top 50 Women in Grocery by Progressive Grocer, and Top 5 Latina Executives by Latina Style Magazine. In 2022, she received the Latino Leaders Maestro Award for Professional Achievement. Committed to fostering future women leaders, Marie co-founded the PepsiCo Women of Color Alliance and served on the founding board of the Network of Executive Women. She holds a B.A. from Louisiana State University and a Master's from Tulane University.

Based in Dallas, she lives with her family and cherished dogs, actively contributing to her community through mentorship and leadership.



INTERVIEW QUESTIONS:

- Tell us about your family's history with Cuba and how that relationship has evolved throughout your life.
- Your story takes many unexpected turns. Can you share what you think are the three most defining moments of your life?
- You talk about hiding or at least, not revealing, your culture at times in your early career. Why did you feel you had to and what changed?
- How did you balance work and family?
- You've overcome some tremendous challenges in your life. What would you say to someone facing adversity?
- You've said that being an immigrant made you work harder than everyone else. Why is that?
- You've worked for some of the world's biggest corporations including Pepsi Co. What piece of advice would you give young women in the workforce today?
- Can you share a little about how big of a role your faith has played in your journey?
- How has it changed over the years?



SPEAKING TOPICS:

- **Resilience:** Endure, emerge stronger from life's trials.
- **Authenticity:** Be true to your authentic self.
- **Starting Over:** Embrace fresh starts, hold onto hope.
- **Faith:** Trust in hope and divine support always.
- **Family:** Our culture and roots shape us, learn to forge connections.
- **Live Your Legacy Now:** Lead with purpose, vulnerability, and authenticity.

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