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**A captivating memoir from one of jazz's most beloved practitioners, fourteen-time Grammy winner Paquito D'Rivera's *Letters to Yeyito* is a fascinating tour of a life lived in music, and a useful guidebook for aspiring artists everywhere.**

Years after receiving a fan letter with no return address, Latin jazz legend Paquito D'Rivera began to write *Letters to Yeyito* in the hope of reaching its author, a would-be musician. In the course of advising his Cuban compatriot on love, life, and musicianship, D'Rivera recounts his own six-decade-long journey in the arts.

After persevering under Castro's brand of socialism for years, D'Rivera defected from Cuba and left his beloved Havana for that other great city: New York. From there, the saxophonist, clarinetist, and composer launched a dazzling—and still very active—career that has included fourteen Grammys, world tours, and extensive collaboration with the likes of Dizzy Gillespie, Yo-Yo Ma, and other music legends who make cameos in these pages. Full of humor, entertaining anecdotes, expert advice, and the musician's characteristic exuberance, D'Rivera's story is one of life on the move and finding a home in music.

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