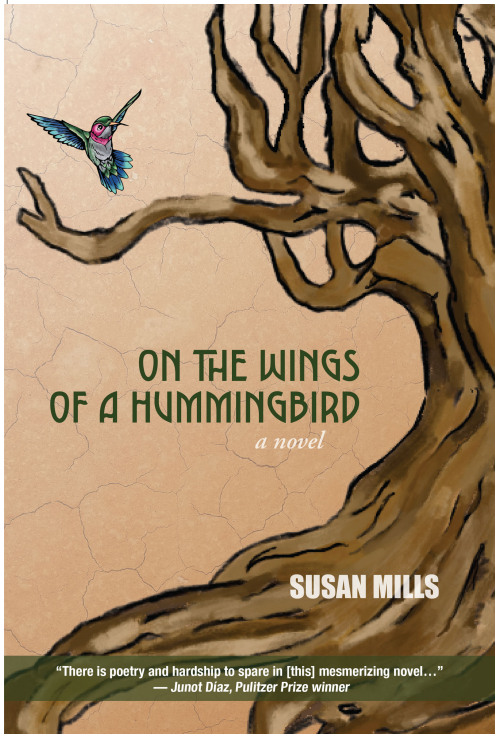


ON THE WINGS OF A HUMMINGBIRD: A NOVEL

**Petra searches her Mayan heritage for wisdom
in order to claim her future.**



On the Wings of a Hummingbird, by Susan Mills, explores forgiveness and redemption, how to heal oneself and find a future of integrity with friends and community who have participated in atrocities.

At 15 years old, Petra's life has been upended by local gang violence in her small Guatemalan village. Her childhood friend Emilio had a hand in their friend Justina's murder, and his father is the local gang leader's right-hand man. Betrayed by Emilio and abandoned by her mother who has fled to the U.S., Petra now fears for her own life. Petra ultimately flees to the U.S., but the pressures follow her there. Petra must grow into the lessons of the Mayan hummingbird as she carves her future out of a childhood scarred by gang violence.

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As a Spanish-speaking immigration attorney for twenty years, Mills prepared asylum cases for thousands of immigrants from Central America, with a focus on unaccompanied minors. Some of her family members journeyed from the war-torn countryside of El Salvador to the U.S. This is her first novel.

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