

LATINO BOOK CLUB

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Next Meeting

May 30th, 2009
Saturday, 3-4:30 PM
Francesco's Cafe,
839 S. Kerr Ave.

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Book List

April 2009
Cristina García,
Dreaming in Cuban.

March 2009

Victor Villaseñor, *Rain of Gold.*

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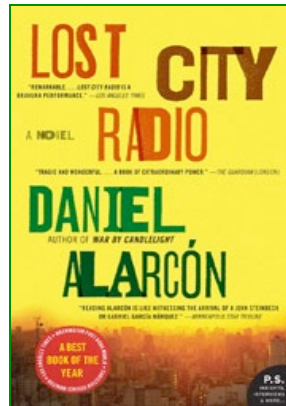
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BOOK OF THE MONTH MAY 2009



Lost City Radio (2007) is the first of its kind in our book list. We are expanding the thematic content of our books written by Latino authors of the US. This novel is set in an unnamed place in Latin America, but if one is familiar with Latin American history one will recognize it as Lima, Peru during the years after the end of the civil war between the *Sendero Luminoso* (The Shining Path) and the government forces. Norma, the host of the radio show “Lost City Radio,” reads the names of lost relatives separated during the civil war hoping to reunite them, and hoping to hear of her husband, who disappeared ten years ago. Her life changes when a young boy is brought to the radio station from the village “1797.” The novel is a touching account of the lives of common people interrupted by the war. Alarcón is one of the new

generation of Latino writers, who are writing of the social realities of their ancestral countries and bringing to the US audience a whole new approach to Latin America.

Author

Daniel Alarcón, born in Peru came to the United States in 1980 at the age of 3. He grew up in Birmingham, Alabama. He graduated from Columbia with a degree in Anthropology. He returned to Peru for research after winning a Fulbright Scholarship in 2001. He returned to the US to get a MFA from Iowa Creative Writing Workshop. He is also the author of a collection of short stories *War by Candlelight* (2005). He lives in California and is the associate editor of the Peruvian monthly magazine *Etiqueta Negra*. You can find more information about him and his articles on his website



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