

# LATINO BOOK CLUB

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## Next Meeting

January 26<sup>th</sup> 2008  
Saturday, 3-4:30 PM  
Francesco's Cafe,  
839 S. Kerr Ave.

## Book Club Members

Rachel Hatfield  
Kathleen Jewell  
Marcio Moreno  
Marianella Jara  
Pat Lerch  
Kate Williamson  
Joanne Mount  
Kathy Fox  
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## Membership Information

Membership is free.

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## Book List

January 2008

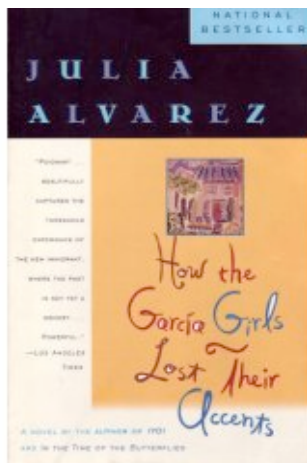
Julia Alvarez, *How the García Girls Lost Their Accents*.

**Books available at:**  
Pomegranate Books  
4418 Park Ave.  
910-452-1107

Members of the Book Club receive 15% off on the book of the month.

## Book of the month

JANUARY 2008



**H***ow the García Girls Lost Their Accents* (1991) is a tale of four Dominican sisters, Carla, Sandra, Yolanda, and Sofia who immigrate to the United States with their parents in the 1960s. This book is Julia Alvarez' earliest novel. It is a representation of the tug-of-war immigrants and their children find themselves battling, on one hand trying to assimilate into the US mainstream culture, and on the other being pulled back to the culture of their birth or of their parents. As the title suggests "accent," is one of the many things that make the sisters different from what they want to become. Read the novel to find out if they actually lose their "accent" or

not. If you like this novel you may want to read *¡Yo!* (1997), the continuation of Yolanda's life story.

## Author

**J**ulia Alvarez born in New York City lived her early years in the Dominican Republic, till her family exiled to the United States in the early 1960s, during the dictatorship of Rafael Trujillo. *How the García Girls Lost Their Accents* is her first novel. She is also a writer of essays, poems, and literature for young adults. Her recent work focuses more and more on themes closer to the Dominican world with *In the Time of the Butterflies* (1994), *In the Name of Salomé* (2000), and *Saving the World* (2007). To know more about the author and her works visit [www.juliaalvarez.com](http://www.juliaalvarez.com)



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