

# LATINO BOOK CLUB

February 2009

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## Next Meeting

March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
Saturday, 3-4:30 PM  
Francesco's Cafe,  
839 S. Kerr Ave.

## Book Club Members

Haida Andrade  
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Julie Bordo  
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Gwen Jones  
Pat Lerch  
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Cathy Murphy  
N. Eleni Pappamihel  
Fermin Recarte  
Nicole Strawn  
Donna Treolo  
Christine Vayo  
Kate Williamson  
Dekia Worthy

## Book List

**February 2009**  
Loida Maritza Pérez,  
*Geographies of Home.*

## January 2009

Oscar Hijuelos, *The Dark Dude.*

## Membership Information

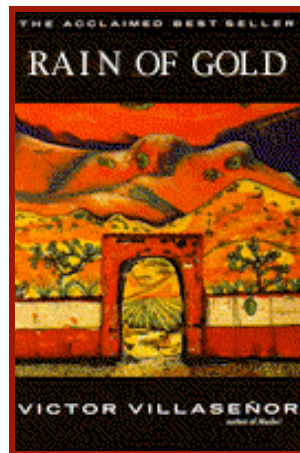
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## BOOK OF THE MONTH MARCH 2009



Victor Villaseñor refuses to call *Rain of Gold* (1991) fiction, and insists it to be the true story of his family. The tale goes back to the Mexican Revolution of the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, which led many Mexicans including the author's family to escape the dangers of the times. The parallel tales of Lupe and Luis Salvador ends in California in the depression era. The title of the book refers to the Mexican mining town La Lluvia de Oro, which was exploited by a North American mining company for gold. To help the reader meander through the different characters the book has two family trees and some family photographs. Many of our book club members will find similarities between *Rain of Gold* and Arturo Isla's *God of Rain*. California's Education Board has *Rain of Gold* on their list of

recommended books for grades 9-12.

## Author

Victor Villaseñor was born in 1940 in Carlsbad, California and spoke only his mother tongue, Spanish till he went to school. He dropped out of school undiagnosed for dyslexia. He moved to Mexico and learnt to appreciate his heritage. He returned to United States and decided to face the challenges faced by the poor immigrants, many a times Mexicans, through literature. His first novel *Macho* had the hardest time finding a publisher. His *Rain of Gold* is no doubt his most popular book. Some



of his other books are *Burro Genius*, *Thirteen Senses*, and *Wild Steps of Heaven*. *Crazy Loco Love* is his latest novel. See a short video of Villaseñor and look for more information on his website

<http://www.victorvillasenor.com/>

## Book Club Blog

<http://latinobookclub.blogspot.com>