

LATINO BOOK CLUB

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Next Meeting

August 30th, 2008
Saturday, 3-4:30 PM
Francesco's Cafe,
839 S. Kerr Ave.

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Book List

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Arturo Islas, *The Rain God*

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Judith Ortiz Cofer, *The Latin Deli*

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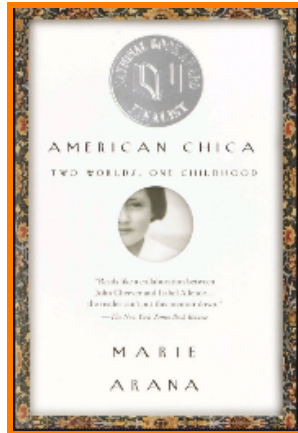
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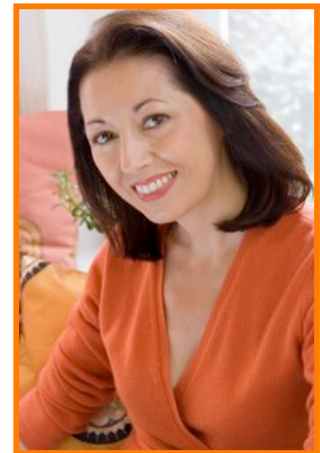


American Chica: Two Worlds, One Childhood (2002) is our first non-fictional book in the Book Club series. It is the memoir of Marie Arana. The autobiography emerged while the author was on a fellowship in Stanford and came across documents about an exploitative rubber baron Julio César Arana of the early 20th century in the Amazon region. She soon learnt that she was related to this infamous man, but her Peruvian family maintained no connection to him. She decided to write about her distant relative, till it became a memoir of her bi-cultural Peruvian-American family, and growing up in Peru and in the United States. Born of a traditional Peruvian father and an independent Wyoming born American mother Arana learned to traverse through the two cultures. Arana's description of the

geographical variety of Peru and Wyoming are noteworthy.

Author

Marie Arana born in 1959 in Lima, Peru moved to New Jersey in 1969 with her family. Born of Peruvian father and Anglo-American mother, Marie Arana studied Russian and Chinese and has a Master's in Linguistics. She has been in the book publishing business for sometime and presently is the editor of the Washington Post Book World. *Cellophane* (2006) is Marie Arana's first novel. Set in the deep Amazon jungles of Peru, it is a story of the eccentric engineer Don Victor Sobrevilla, who starts a paper factory in the Amazon and then learns the formulae to make cellophane. Her next novel *Lima Nights* is slotted to appear at the end of 2008.



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