

# LATINO BOOK CLUB

July 2009

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## Next Meeting

August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
Saturday, 3-4:30 PM  
Francesco's Cafe,  
839 S. Kerr Ave.

## Book Club Members

Haida Andrade  
Isis Doris Arieta  
Julie Bordo  
Mary Bulluck  
Amrita Das  
Kathy Fox  
Jacqueline Galbraith  
Alicia Greenberg  
Rachel Hatfield  
Irene Henderson  
Carol Hernandez  
Jennifer Horan  
Evelyn Hrabankova  
Kathy Humphrey  
Lizzy Irvin  
Marianella Jara  
Kathleen Jewell  
Olga Joachim  
Gwen Jones  
Pat Lerch  
Marcio Moreno  
Joanne Mount  
Cathy Murphy  
N. Eleni Pappamihiel  
Nicole Strawn  
Donna Treolo  
Christine Vayo  
Kate Williamson  
Dekia Worthy

## Book List

**July 2009** Rolando Hinojosa, *Ask a Policeman: A Raft Buenrostro Mystery*.  
**June 2009** Lorraine López, *The Gifted Gabaldón Sisters*.  
**May 2009** Daniel Alarcón, *Lost City Radio*.

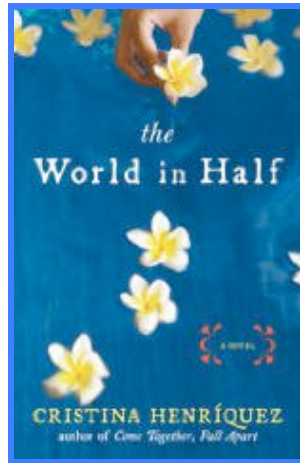
## Membership Information

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## Books available at:

Pomegranate Books  
4418 Park Ave.  
910-452-1107  
15% discount for club members.

## BOOK OF THE MONTH AUGUST 2009



*The World in Half* (2009) is a tender story of a young woman and her relationship with her single mother. Miraflores grows up in Chicago with no knowledge of her father. All she knows is that he abandoned them while she was very young. She is thrown into his world when Miraflores' mother develops an early onset of Alzheimer. While taking care of her mother, Mira learns that there is more to the story of her parents than what she knows. Mira decides to take a trip to Panama to find her father and some answers. In her three week journey to her father's homeland Mira discovers her other half. It is not a coincidence that she is a student of geophysics and geography is a major metaphor in the narrative. One of our earlier book picks, *Geographies of Home* (February 2009) by Loida Maritza Pérez, also uses "geography" as a metaphor. *The World in Half* actually has a true bicultural character, like Marie Arana's *American Chica*

(August 2008). This is the first book in our series of a Panamanian American author and it takes place partially in Panama.

## Author

Cristina Henríquez like her protagonist in *The World in Half* is born of a Panamanian father and an American mother. She was born in Delaware. She spent many of her summers in Panama and as a writer she draws inspiration from her father's homeland. Henríquez is a product of the Iowa Writer's Workshop. She now lives in Chicago and has a collection of short stories titled *Come Together, Fall Apart*.

Her short stories have appeared in various literary magazines like the



*New Yorker* and *The Atlantic*. She has received the Alfredo Cisneros del Moral Foundation Award, started by Sandra Cisneros. One can find more information at:

<http://www.cristinahenriquez.com>

## Book Club Blog

<http://latinobookclub.blogspot.com>

## LATINO BOOK CLUB BOOK DRIVE 2009



The Latino Book Club is kicking off its first **BOOK DRIVE** this

August. The drive runs through November 2009. The drive is to promote reading and make it accessible to our local schools and their ESL program. The three schools chosen this year are: **Mary C. Williams Elementary School**, **Williston Middle School**, and **Hoggard High School**. Books for school aged children in Spanish, English or bilingual editions are being collected. One may participate in the drive in various ways:

**1. BOOK DROP OFF:** One may drop off used children's books at the various book drop off locations listed at the Book Drive's [website](#) including the UNCW Randall Library, Main Lobby and The Pomegranate Books. If you want an acknowledgement receipt please write your name and email address on a piece of paper and include it with your gift.



## 2. BOOK PICK UP:

One may call 910-962-2430 or email [dasa@uncw.edu](mailto:dasa@uncw.edu) for book pick-up. Our volunteers will try their best.

**3. BUY A BOOK:** If you prefer to buy a book you may do so by visiting **The Pomegranate Books**, our Book Club's book carrier or visit the **Wish List** site created on [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com). One can also access the Wish List site through the Book Drive's website.

## 4. GIVE A MONETARY

**GIFT:** If one prefers to donate money, which will be used to buy books, one may do so directly through UNCW's secure site at [Give to UNCW](#) or hand it over to our volunteers. Make the checks payable to **UNCW with FLL Community Outreach** in the memo line.

## 5. SPREAD THE WORD:

Please spread the word. Forward our website information or our flyers to friends, colleagues and organizations who may want to help.



## MOTHER EARTH CIRCLE, PEACE DAY EVENT



MOTHER EARTH CIRCLE a local organization has volunteered to promote the BOOK DRIVE 2009, as part of their ELEVEN DAYS OF PEACE celebrations. A BOOK READING will be held on September 12<sup>th</sup> at 5pm at the UNCW Commons. Students from the three schools and UNCW will participate. It is a free event, and all are welcome. Books from the Wish List will be available for purchase at the event. You may drop off books and checks at the event as well.

## Latino Book Club Book Drive Website

<http://www.uncw.edu/fl/LBC.html>



# Book Drive

Book donation drive for New Hanover County Public Schools

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