

# LATINO BOOK CLUB

June 2009

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## Next Meeting

July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
Saturday, 3-4:30 PM  
Francesco's Cafe,  
839 S. Kerr Ave.

## Book Club Members

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Donna Treolo  
Christine Vayo  
Kate Williamson  
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## Book List

### June 2009

Lorraine López, *The Gifted Gabaldón Sisters*.

### May 2009

Daniel Alarcón, *Lost City Radio*.

### April 2009

Cristina García, *Dreaming in Cuban*.

## Membership Information

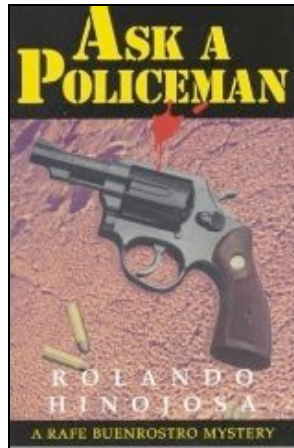
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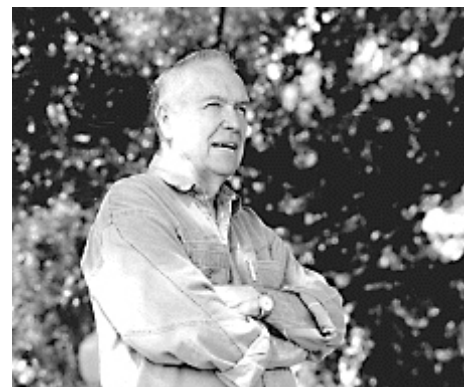


*Ask a Policeman: A Rafe Buenrostro Mystery* (1998) is a detective story set in the fictional Belken county in South Texas, a site for all of Hinojosa's narrative. Chief Inspector Rafe Buenrostro of the Homicide Squad of Belken county faces the drug related crimes and murder across the Texas-Mexico border. The novel does not waste time and jumps straight into the mystery on the very first page with the escape of the Mexican national Lee Gomez of the Gomez Drug Cartel, from the Texan county jailhouse. Buenrostro partners up with his official counterpart on the other side of the Rio Grande, María Luisa Cetina, to stop the crime spree. For those who enjoy this detective tale may also read Hinojosa's earlier detective novel titled *Partners in Crime*. Both the novels grew out of his own

observation of the growing drug crimes in the author's own native valley.

## Author

Rolando Hinojosa-Smith was born in Mercedes, Texas in the Lower Rio Grande Valley in 1926. He is the recipient of many awards including the prestigious Latin American award Casa de las Américas for his *Klail City y los alrededores*. The Spanish novel is the second of a thirteen-part series translated in English as the Klail City Death Trip Series. The character Rafe in *Ask a Policeman* is introduced as a young man in Hinojosa's earlier Klail City series books. Most of his early novels are



in Spanish. Hinojosa is the Ellen Clayton Garwood Professor of Creative Writing at the University of Texas Austin.

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