

# LATINO BOOK CLUB

March 2009

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## Next Meeting

April 25<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  
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Alicia Greenberg  
Rachel Hatfield  
Irene Henderson  
Carol Hernandez  
Jennifer Horan  
Evelyn Hrabankova  
Kathy Humphrey  
Lizzy Irvin  
Marianella Jara  
Annetta Jenkins  
Kathleen Jewell  
Olga Joachim  
Gwen Jones  
Pat Lerch  
Marcio Moreno  
Joanne Mount  
Cathy Murphy  
N. Eleni Pappamihel  
Fermin Recarte  
Nicole Strawn  
Donna Treolo  
Christine Vayo  
Kate Williamson  
Dekia Worthy

## Book List

March 2009  
Victor Villaseñor, *Rain of Gold*

## February 2009

Loida Maritza Pérez,  
*Geographies of Home*.

## Membership Information

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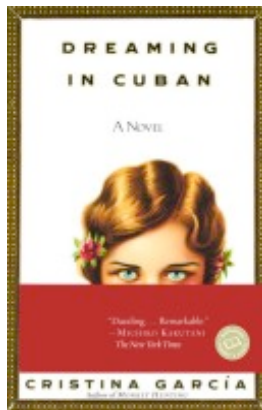
## Books available at:

Pomegranate Books  
4418 Park Ave.  
910-452-1107

15% discount for club members.

## BOOK OF THE MONTH

APRIL 2009



*Dreaming in Cuban* (1992) is Cristina García's first novel about the three generations of women of the del Pino family. Cecilia, the grandmother a devout Revolutionary patrols the beaches against surprise attacks by the United States and the "gusanos" leaving the country. One of her daughters Lourdes a staunch anti-Castro exiles to New York to achieve her American Dream with the Yankee-Doodle Bakery. Lourdes' daughter Pilar, born on the day of the Cuban Revolution, seeks her Cuban roots while embracing American culture and painting Punk Lady Liberty on her mother's bakery. García's tale remains impartial to the Revolution, while telling a story of a Cuban family. A part of the story is told through the love letters that Cecilia writes, but never sends, to her Spanish lover. She stops the day of the Cuban Revolution; also the day she turns 50 and her granddaughter Pilar is born.

## Author

Born on 4<sup>th</sup> of July 1958 in Havana, Cuba, Cristina García grew up in New York where her family exiled in 1961 after the Cuban Revolution of 1959. Her academic training is far from literature with a B.A. in Political Science and a M.A. in International Relations. She intended to work for the Foreign Services after graduation, but ended up in journalism after a three month stint in Marketing with Proctor and Gamble in West Germany. In the 1980s she worked for *Boston Globe*, *Knoxville Journal* and *Time Magazine*, and in 1990 she finally quit journalism to become a full time fiction writer.

Her other novels are *The Agüero Sisters*, *Monkey Hunting* and *A Handbook to Luck*. She also has an illustrated book of Vintage Cars in Cuba.



## Latino Book Club's Book Drive

Latino Book Club is organizing a Book Drive for the Spanish Heritage Month 2009. If you are interested to help as volunteers or donors please contact Amrita Das. The books and money collected will go towards helping local school libraries and ESL programs. More information to follow soon.

## Book Club Blog

<http://latinobookclub.blogspot.com>