

# LATINO BOOK CLUB

March 2010

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## Next Meeting

March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2010  
Saturday, 3-4:30 PM  
Pomegranate Books  
4418 Park Ave.

## Book Club Members

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Nicole Strawn  
Donna Treolo  
Christine Vayo  
Kate Williamson  
Dekia Worthy

## Book List

### February 2010

Roberto G. Fernández,  
*Raining Backwards*

### January 2010

Sandra Cisneros,  
*Caramelo*

### October 2009

Xavier Garza, *Creepy  
Creatures and Other  
Cucuy's*.

## Membership Information

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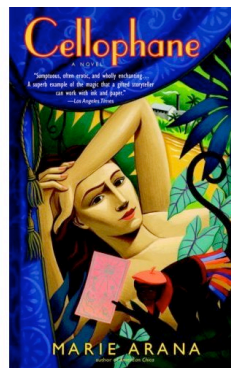
## Books available at:

Pomegranate Books  
4418 Park Ave.  
910-452-1107

15% discount for club members.

## BOOK OF THE MONTH

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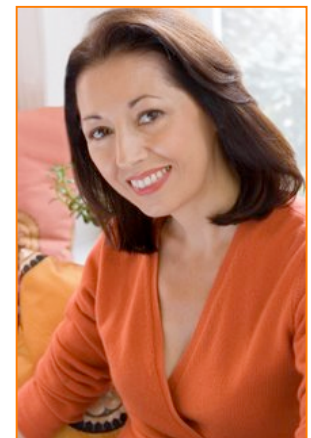
*Cellophane* (2006) is Marie Arana's first novel. It is her second book in our book club series, after her memoir *American Chica* (August 2008). You will recall many similarities between the characters in *Cellophane* and real-life members of Arana's family as described in her memoir. The novel set in the first half of the 20th century takes us into the interiors of the Peruvian jungles where Don Victor Sobrevilla Paniagua has moved his family to set up his paper factory. He is now obsessed to perfect the formula for the amazing transparent paper called cellophane. As part of his obsession Don Victor visits the shaman, who helps him clear his mind with hallucinogens. Through his drugged visions he hopes to find truth and success. The discovery of the cellophane comes with more than what Don Victor had asked for, including the plague to tell the truth. Arana's tale of man's insatiable desire to dominate nature is an interesting look at the environmental challenges and destruction brought upon by humans.

## Marie Arana visits UNCW

Marie Arana will give a talk at UNCW on Thursday, March 25th at the Lumina Theater at 1PM. There will be a book sale and signing.

## 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 worked in the book publishing business for sometime and as the editor in chief of the *Washington Post Book World*. She continues to write for the newspaper. Her most recent book *Lima Nights*, released in 2009 is again set in Peru, as the title suggests, and is a love story between the married upper class Carlos Bluhm, and a dancer at a Tango Bar, Maria Fernandez. She is also the author of *The Writing Life: Writers on How They Think and Work*, a collection of her articles from the column *Washington Post*.



## Book Club Blog

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