

LATINO BOOK CLUB

May 2008

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Next Meeting

June 28th, 2008
Saturday, 3-4:30 PM
Francesco's Cafe,
839 S. Kerr Ave.

Book Club Members

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Christine Vayo
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Dekia Worthy

Book List

May 2008

Junot Diaz, *Drown*.

April 2008

Ana Menendez, *In Cuba
I was a German
Shepherd*.

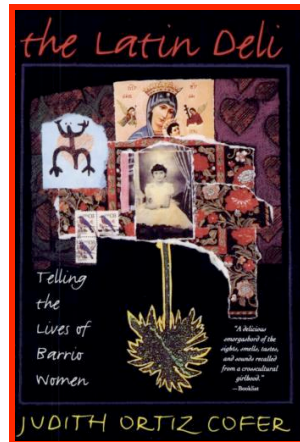
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The Latin Deli (1993) is a collection of prose- stories and essays- and poetry by the Puerto Rican born Judith Ortiz Cofer. The pieces reflect different aspects of immigrant life and especially those of a woman growing up Latina in the United States. The characters work through some of the obvious conflict of the geographical and cultural differences of the two worlds. Growing up in the changing world of the 60s in the United States is a major theme, especially in clash with the Puerto Rican way of life. Some of the other themes of love, betrayal, parent-child relationship, are not restricted to the cultural boundaries. Using prose and poetry together is a style that is repeated in many other works by the author, which allows for the personal and the autobiographical elements to be reflected in the

fictional pieces that tend to encompass the community at large.

Author

Judith Ortiz Cofer was born in the town of Hormigueros, Puerto Rico. Her father joined the US Navy and the family moved to the neighborhood of Paterson in New Jersey in 1956, when Ortiz Cofer was only 4. She is a professor of English and Creative Writing at the University of Georgia in Athens. Her other books include novels: *The Meaning of Consuelo* (2003) and *The Line of the Sun* (1989), short stories: *An Island Like You: Stories of the Barrio* (1995), and poetry *A Love Story Beginning in*



Spanish (2005) and *Reaching for the Mainland* (1995). She also has essays, and an autobiography. More information on the author can be found at her University of Georgia's website

<http://www.english.uga.edu/~jcofer/>

Book Club Blog

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