

LATINO BOOK CLUB

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Next Meeting

June 27th, 2009
Saturday, 3-4:30 PM
Francesco's Cafe,
839 S. Kerr Ave.

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Book List

May 2009
Daniel Alarcón, *Lost City Radio*.

April 2009

Cristina García,
Dreaming in Cuban.

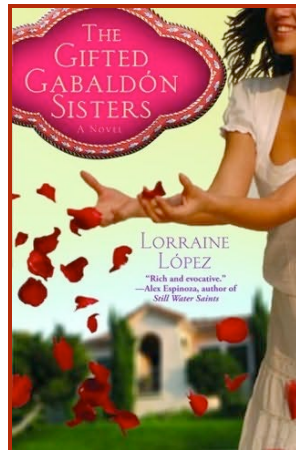
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BOOK OF THE MONTH JUNE 2009



The Gifted Gabaldón Sisters (2008) is the tale of four sisters named after the film actresses, Bette (Davis), Lorreta (Young), Rita (Hayworth), and Sophia (Loren). After the death of their mother Fermina the family housekeeper raises the sisters and on her passing she leaves a gift for each of the girls. One receives the power to tell lies, another to heal, and the other two to curse and to make others laugh. As the girls grow up they must realize if it is a curse or a gift. The tale is carefully crafted as to allow the four perspectives of each sister to emerge as they narrate their lives and family history over a period of twenty years. The story also takes us back to the early part of the 20th century New Mexico, Fermina's home. The reader will find similarities between this novel and some of the other Southwestern

tales we have read before. This one comes recommended by one of the Spanish students at UNCW.

Author

Lorraine López born and raised in California is the author of *Soy la Avon Lady and Other Stories* (2002), which received the Miguel Mármol Prize, awarded by Curbstone Press for first work by a Latino author. She has received other awards for this book. Her second book for young adults is *Call Me Henri* (2007). López' family history has roots in central New Mexico since the 1600's. She identifies herself as a Chicana but struggles to counter those who call her a snob for not speaking Spanish.



She says that Spanish is not her native language; neither her parents nor their parents were born in Mexico, or spoke Spanish to her at home. She has a Ph. D. in English from the Creative Writing program at the University of Georgia. Currently she is an Assistant Professor of English at Vanderbilt University.

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