

LATINO BOOK CLUB

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Next Meeting

October 25th, 2008
Saturday, 3-4:30 PM
Francesco's Cafe,
839 S. Kerr Ave.

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Book List

September 2008
Jaime Manrique, *Latin Moon in Manhattan*
August 2008
Marie Arana, *American Chica*

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BOOK OF THE MONTH OCTOBER 2008



What Night Brings (2003) is Carla Trujillo's debut novel. Set in 1960's California's Bay Area working class neighborhood, the novel is a coming-of-age tale of the teenage protagonist Marci Cruz. Among other issues the novel looks into physical abuse in families and Catholic doctrines. Living in fear of an abusive father, the adolescent Marci, and her sister Corin learn to defend themselves. Marci starting to be aware of her lesbian sexuality struggles to accept it. She prays to God to get rid of her father and to make her into a boy to express her feelings appropriately to other girls, especially Raquel, the next-door teenager. In spite of its dark social themes, Marci's hopeful spirit to defy her family and religion makes the reader want to be with her, cheering her along. The novel received the Mármol Prize for 2003.

This prize is given to a debut work of fiction in English by a Latina/o author, whose work talks about themes of human rights and civil liberties.

Author

Carla Trujillo was born in Las Vegas and grew up in northern California. Like Marci Cruz, Carla Trujillo grew up in a working class and saw injustice in her own family and outside. Also a lesbian she is an advocate of lesbian issues.

Currently the Director of the Graduate Diversity Program at the University of California Berkley, Carla Trujillo is the editor of *Chicana Lesbians: The Girls Our Mothers Warned Us About* (1991), *Living Chicana Theory* (1998), and various

articles about identity and sexuality in higher education.

The *Chicana Lesbians* won the LAMBDA Literary Award for Best Lesbian Anthology.



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