

San Bernardino Public Library Presents Author Isabel Quintero

Join us Saturday September 20, 2014 at the Norman F. Feldheim Public Library in San Bernardino for a book release and reading by Isabel Quintero, author of *Gabi, a Girl in Pieces*. This program will take place in Kellogg Room A at the Feldheim Central Library at 555 W. 6th Street in San Bernardino from 4:00-5:30 PM.

Books will be available for purchase at a book signing following the reading. Light refreshments will be served. The first 10 people to purchase the hardback edition of *Gabi, a Girl in Pieces* will receive a color copy of the original "The Female Body" and "Taco Time" zines. Attendees of this event will have the opportunity to add a poem or small collage to *Gabi's Giant Traveling Zine*, which will accompany Isabel Quintero as she attends readings around the country.

Isabel Quintero was born and raised in Southern California. Her love of reading and writing comes from her mother reading to her before she went to bed, and from the teachers and professors who encouraged her to keep writing. Her love of chorizo and carne asada tacos comes from her dad grilling on Sundays during summertime. She is an elementary school library technician and loves sharing her passion for the written word with students. She also teaches community college part time and works as a freelance writer for the Arts Connection of San Bernardino. Quintero works as events coordinator for Orange Monkey Publishing and assistant editor for *Tin Cannon*, a literary journal.

"Readers won't soon forget Gabi, a young woman coming into her own in the face of intense pressure from her family, culture and society to fit someone else's idea of what it means to be a 'good' girl. A fresh, authentic and honest exploration of contemporary Latina identity." Starred Review, Kirkus

"Believing she's not Mexican enough for her family and not white enough for Berkeley, Gabi still meets every challenge head-on with vulgar humor and raw honesty... A refreshing take on slut- and fat-shaming, Quintero's work ranks with Meg Medina's Yaqui Delgado Wants to Kick Your Ass (Candlewick, 2013) and Junot Diaz's Drown (Riverhead, 1996) as a coming-of-age novel with Latino protagonists. —Starred Review, School Library Journal, August 1, 2014

Please note that the book is recommended for readers 9th grade and up due to some adult language and content.