

RECENT HISPANIC FICTION TITLES

❖ **Daniel Alarcon.** *Lost City Radio* (2007)

Radio host Norma finds her life irrevocably changed when a young boy from a remote jungle village provides a connection to her long-missing husband.

❖ **Isabel Allende.** *Ines of my soul* (2006)

Biographical novel about Ines Suarez, the conquistadora who helped her Spanish lover capture the land that is now Chile.

❖ **Julia Alvarez.** *Saving the world* (2006)

Portrays two courageous women, one based on a historical figure, one a present-day writer, who believe in saving others.

Marie Arana. *Cellophane* (2006)

Unexpected consequences result when an American engineer constructs a paper factory in the middle of the Amazon rain forest.

Guillermo Arriaga Jordan. *The night buffalo* (2006)

Novel of love, passion, betrayal and mental illness revolving around the suicide of a man betrayed by the two people he trusted most.

Roberto Bolano. *The savage detectives* (2007)

Chronicles the strange journey of two Latin American poets as seen through the eyes of the people whose paths they cross in Central America and elsewhere.

❖ **Ana Castillo.** *The guardians* (2007)

Regina discovers that her brother has vanished while crossing the border from Mexico to the United States and sets out in search of him.

❖ **Junot Diaz.** *The brief wondrous life of Oscar Wao* (2007)

Prize-winning story of Oscar, who believes that a family curse is thwarting his efforts to find love and happiness.

❖ **Laura Esquivel.** *Malinche* (2006)

Fictional account of Marina (aka Malinalli) the Mexican woman who was Cortez's guide and mistress.

❖ **Carlos Fuentes.** *The eagle's throne* (2006)

Novel of intrigue, ambition, & betrayal set in the foreseeable future in Mexico, a country teetering on the brink of disaster.

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❖ **Dagoberto Gilb. The Flowers (2008)**

Teenaged Sonny moves into Los Flores, an apartment building in a large city, and meets some strange inhabitants.

Reyna Grande. Across a hundred mountains (2006)

A heartbreaking border story about two women, one born in Mexico, one from the United States, who find their lives joined in the most unlikely way.

Cristina Henríquez. Come together, fall apart (2006)

Collection of stories set in contemporary Panama, featuring people at emotional crossroads.

❖ **Jaime Manrique. Our lives are the rivers (2006)**

Sweeping historical novel about Manuela Saenz, a Peruvian who joined forces with her lover Simon Bolivar to overthrow Spanish rule.

❖ **Tomas Eloy Martínez. The tango singer (2006)**

American graduate student travels to Buenos Aires on the trail of an unrecorded authentic tango singer.

❖ **Mayra Montero. Dancing to "Almendra" (2007)**

Thrilling tale of innocence lost in the secret world of Havana in 1957.

❖ **Yxta Maya Murray. The king's gold (2008)**

A freelance researcher is drawn into an adventure involving a stolen Aztec treasure, a Medici conspiracy & a werewolf legend.

❖ **Benjamin Alire Saenz. Names on a map (2008)**

Lyrical novel of 1967 multiethnic El Paso, where women's liberation and the Chicano movement gain traction.

❖ **Cecilia Samartin. Tarnished beauty (2008)**

Tale about believing in miracles, the power of storytelling and the relative value of beauty.

Sylvia Sellers-Garcia. When the ground turns in its sleep (2007)

A man tries to find out why his parents abandoned Guatemala for the US.

Antonio Skarmeta. The dancer and the thief (2008)

A Chilean prisoner released in a general amnesty seeks vengeance by planning a spectacular robbery.

❖ **Alisa Valdes-Rodriguez. Make him look good (2006)**

A Miami singing sensation has a profound impact on the women who surround him.

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