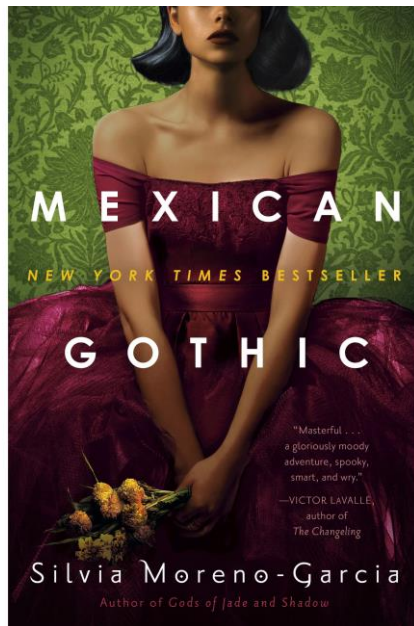


Wily Writers

Book Club Recommends



Book: *Mexican Gothic*

Author: Silvia Moreno-Garcia

Publisher: Random House

Discussion Date: August 11, 2021

Time: 6-7 PM Pacific Time

Zoom Link: Find it on wilywriters.net.

Wily Rating for this Book:



Mexican Gothic by Silvia Moreno-Garcia

Join Wily Writers on August 11, 2021, Wednesday, from 6PM to 7PM PT, for our second Wily Writers Book Club Recommends discussion. Your co-hosts for this book will be Eunice Magill and Angel McCoy. You can reach Eunice at esmagill@yahoo.com if you have questions.

We will be discussing this book on Zoom, which will be recorded and then posted to Youtube. Keep this in mind.

Discussion Guide

1. Check the next page for links.
2. Did there need to be more cultural references in *Mexican Gothic*? Themes too subtle?
3. Where in the Gothic canon does this novel fall? Nods to William Hope Hodgson and Lovecraft.
4. Is The Hero's Journey still a viable way to structure a novel?
5. Let's talk about the use of clothes in this book.
6. What speaks to you?
7. As a horror/dark fiction writer what do you think about the book reviews in the Fodder section below?

*Of course, we probably won't get through all these. We'll let the discussion be organic with the questions as a guide.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1M3eDrvoPFpQWvOgZpHi8Si6i0DKT_bMhXU5ewMQu8p4/edit?usp=sharing

<https://locusmag.com/2019/09/silvia-moreno-garcia-take-a-road-trip-with-the-mayan-god-of-death/>

Fodder

An interesting “Book Club Kit” curated by the author:

<http://www.randomhousebooks.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Mexican-Gothic-book-club-kit.pdf>

Here’s something to think about:

<https://silviamoreno-garcia.com/about-2020/>

<https://www.vox.com/culture/21551859/silvia-moreno-garcia-interview-mexican-gothic>

<https://www.npr.org/2020/07/09/889365673/jane-eyre-meets-dracula-in-this-sharp-inventive-mexican-gothic-tale>

https://www.washingtonpost.com/entertainment/books/mexican-gothic-is-a-creepy-intoxicating-mystery-thats-almost-impossible-to-put-down/2020/06/30/e6f974f2-ba02-11ea-8cf5-9c1b8d7f84c6_story.html

<https://www.latimes.com/entertainment-arts/books/story/2020-06-26/mexican-gothic-sylvia-moreno-garcia-review>

https://www.academia.edu/24817799/Magna_Mater_women_and_eugenic_thought_in_the_work_of_H.P._Lovecraft

<https://innsmouthfreepress.com/available-now/fungi/>

Rules & Guidelines for Book Club:

- The purpose of this book club is to read and enjoy literature! As writers our focus will also include craft: structure, theme, characterization, language, etc.
- Remember that the Zoom discussion will be recorded and posted on the [Wily Writers Youtube Channel](#). Keep this in mind.
- Since we are a writers’ group, we will begin a book discussion with each member giving a very short introduction of themselves (less than 1 minute). And yes, you may promote your book. The book discussion is also a marketing and promotional tool. [Use this form to provide your links beforehand to be posted with the Youtube video.](#)
- Read the book thoroughly and take notes. Prep for the discussion too: read reviews, bios, anything related to the book.
- You may read a short excerpt from the book as part of the discussion, but no more than three sentences. We don’t want any copyright challenges.
- You may find that you disagree with something that another member of the group has said. Don’t fight. Disagree respectfully. Or be quiet.
- Be polite. Mind your manners.
- Speak up but don’t hog the spotlight.
- Don’t yuck someone else’s yum.
- Inappropriate behavior and/or language will not be tolerated.
- Please respect the authority of the moderator. The person who is holding the Zoom meeting reserves the right to remove violators from the meeting.
- Keep on topic, but feel free to introduce information that is relevant to the discussion (historical facts, bio details, book background, related authors, or topics).
- No Spoilers! Well, try not to give too much away.