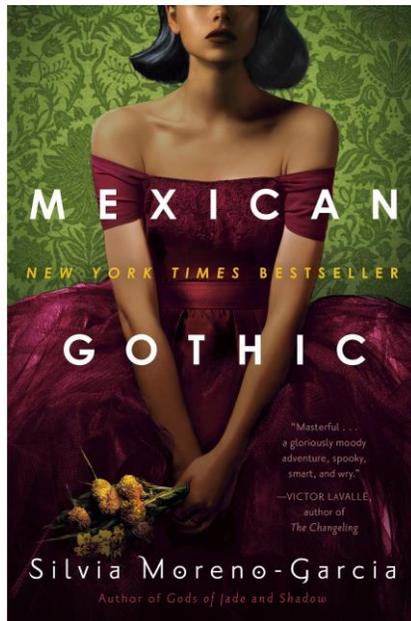


# Wily Writers

## 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:**



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### *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](mailto: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.

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### 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://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/>

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## 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.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://www.academia.edu/24817799/Magna_Mater_women_and_eugenic_thought_in_the_work_of_H.P._Lovecraft)

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

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## 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.