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Michele Serros
C/O Riverhead Books

New York, New York

Dear Michele,

I want to tell you how much I enjoyed your latest book "How to be a Chicana Role Model." Being a Chicano I was planning to steal your book, like when I was younger, however your publishing company might of gotten angry, so I bought your book and stole the one next to it – it's a joke, not a funny one but a joke.

I purchased your book at the Dallas airport and read about half of it by the time I landed back home in New Orleans. I personally wished I had family here so I could pass it on, pero chale. Ain't nobody here but us transplants. Speaking of transplants I have a Brazilian girlfriend and it's sometimes difficult to splain things to her. Spanglish expressions, Chicano-ism's. Tu sabes cool things.

As New Orleans' only Chicano playwright (I gave myself the title), you gave me several ideas for a new comedy play, for that I thank you. Naaa, I ain't gonna tell ya! You hoid me (New Orleans speak)?

A Latino Theater group out of San Jose has contacted me regarding some of my comedy plays. If all goes well, I would like to invite you and sus tias, tios, to come and visit with me. Everyone except your güero boyfriend, okay bring him too.

Since I sit all day and write, I'm going to take some time and buy, as compared to steal one of your other books real soon. Keep up the good work.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. Cristobal BL". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping "L" and a cursive "Cristobal BL".

L. Cristobal BL
Aka Chris Beal.
New Orleans, LA.

M, email me - that way I'll know
you got my letter - Thank you.