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From the author of Chicana Falsa...

*"A sly, hyperkinetic romp that's part story collection, part stand-up comedy, part self-help for aspiring writers."**

HOW TO BE A CHICANA ROLE MODEL

fiction by

Michele Serros

"A young, sassy writer whose brilliant weapon is her humor."

—Sandra Cisneros

"An unmistakably original poetic talent."

—*Entertainment Weekly*

"Michele Serros writes incredibly robust and witty prose...She has a knack for going right to the humor and truth of every situation."

—Carolyn See

Whether speaking to a group of inner city high school students or performing for flannel-clad music fans at Lollapalooza, award-winning poet and performer Michele Serros has delighted audiences and readers across the country with her fresh, funny, and insightful look at life as a Mexican-American. In **HOW TO BE A CHICANA ROLE MODEL** (Riverhead Trade Paperback Original; July 10, 2000; \$12.95), Serros offers up new fiction, detailing the outrageous adventures of a Latina writer on a mission.

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A series of interconnected stories about (surprise!) Michele Serros—writer, Mexican-American, and modern-day Candide—**HOW TO BE A CHICANA ROLE MODEL** follows our heroine from the backstages of FOX-TV to a small Mexican mining town, from her part-time job at Annie’s Art Emporium to her participation as the token “woman of color” at a feminist convention in Washington, D.C. And every step of the journey is filled with Serros’s unique blend of wit, irreverence, compassion and honesty.

In **Role Model Rule #2: *Seek Support from Sistas***, Michele recounts her stint as a page on the set of *In Living Color* and her failed attempts to connect with Jennifer, the snotty Latina dancer whose puffed-up ego and out-of-sight attitude are a source of pure torment. Understanding the importance of unions, Michele signs herself up with Local 233 before posing for a visual artist in **Role Model Rule #6: *Live Better, Work Union***. In “Good Parking,” Michele’s old-fashioned father (he doesn’t even have a phone!) gains a newfound respect for and understanding of his all-too modern daughter (she owns an electric tortilla maker!).

Through it all, Michele’s exploits lead readers to a deeper understanding of the good times, the hard times, and what it takes to follow a dream. A Chicana writer searching for her place in a world where honorariums are hard to come by, Serros proves that a writer’s voice always rings true.

Funny, poignant, and undeniably original, **HOW TO BE A CHICANA ROLE MODEL** brings to vivid life the power and humor behind one woman’s dip into the American melting pot.

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