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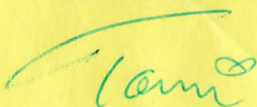
Dear Michele,

I just wanted to let you know that I recently read both of your books, Chicana Falsa and How to Be a Chicana Role Model. I enjoyed them both a great deal. I felt as though I could identify at least to some extent with many of your stories. I loved your casual, sarcastic, fun style. It kept me wanting to read more and learn more about the people in your life. It also made me think more about identity and labels.

I just graduated from the University of Michigan with a concentration (at most schools a major) in American Culture. I found that your stories and poems poked impressive holes into accepted societal behaviors and practices. I especially liked the recurring themes and characters in the second book. The rules were fun. I truly enjoyed the irony contained within most of them. Your books were full of unexpected fun surprises and I felt as though many stories had several levels of meaning and some said more than what was written on the page.

I am an aspiring writer. I hope to eventually move out to LA to write for television. – so your TV page experience was also interesting to read and I related it to some of my internships. Your poems and stories encouraged me to keep writing. Your second book motivated me to write to you so that you will know your stories do reach people both within and outside the Latina/o community. While I am not Latina, I could definitely relate to your stories and the kind of labeling that occurs.

I enjoyed your books, keep writing,



Tami

