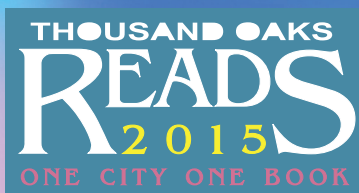


# A CITYWIDE BOOK CLUB

October 4 - November 8, 2015



**The Book of  
Unknown Americans  
by  
Cristina Henríquez**



Join us for  
community  
book discussions  
and other  
free events.



**For more information,  
please visit the Thousand Oaks Library  
or [www.thousandoaksreads.org](http://www.thousandoaksreads.org)**

*Thousand Oaks Reads is a citywide program sponsored by the  
City of Thousand Oaks Library and many generous community partners.*

## Welcome

Welcome to the ninth annual Thousand Oaks Reads: One City, One Book. Our 2015 selection, ***The Book of Unknown Americans*** by Cristina Henríquez, centers on the experiences of the men, women and children who immigrate to the United States from Mexico and Latin America.

We encourage you to read the book, join in a book discussion meeting, attend events and spend an afternoon with our celebrated author. Enjoy the rich sense of connection and affirmation we all gain from sharing a common literary experience. And remember:

*"When we open a book together, we close it in greater harmony."*

Heather J. Cousin  
Director of Library Services

## About the Book

When fifteen-year-old Maribel Rivera sustains a traumatic brain injury, her parents leave behind a comfortable life in Mexico and risk everything to come to the United States so that Maribel can have the care she needs. It's not long before Maribel attracts the attention of Mayor Toro, the son of one of their new neighbors, who sees a kindred spirit in this beautiful, damaged outsider. Their love story sets in motion events that will have profound repercussions for everyone involved. Henríquez seamlessly interweaves the story of these star-crossed lovers, and of the Rivera and Toro families, with the testimonials of men and women who have come to the United States from all over Latin America. ***The Book of Unknown Americans*** is a stunning novel of hopes and dreams, guilt and love—a book that offers a resonant new definition of what it means to be American.

## About the Author

Born in 1977, Cristina Henríquez grew up in Delaware, the setting for her novel. She graduated from Northwestern University, and received her MFA at the Iowa Writers' Workshop. She presently lives with her husband and children in Illinois.

Her stories have been published in *The New Yorker*, *The Atlantic*, *American Scholar*; her non-fiction has appeared in *The New Yorker*, *The New York Times Magazine*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *Real Simple*, *The Oxford American*, and *Preservation*.

In choosing Delaware for the locale of ***The Book of Unknown Americans***, Ms. Henríquez said, "I knew it was important to keep the book set there, precisely because it wasn't what people would expect. I wanted to make the point that this is a story that's happening not only in places like Texas and California, but everywhere. This is a story that is part of all of us."

"When I consider what the goal of writing is for me," she has said, "...it's to say something meaningful...to give my impressions of this huge, tangled, beautiful place we live in, and to do so in a way that's artful and original."

## Meet the Author

**Sunday, November 8, 3:00 – 4:30 PM** • Thousand Oaks Civic Arts Plaza, Fred Kavli Theatre  
**Meet the Author: An Afternoon with Cristina Henríquez**, author of ***The Book of Unknown Americans***. Thousand Oaks Reads: One City, One Book culminates with the appearance of Cristina Henríquez. She will discuss her novel, answer readers' questions and sign books. Free tickets are required for this event. Tickets are available at the Grant R. Brimhall Library and the Newbury Park Branch Library beginning Saturday, October 3.

## Community Book Discussions

*Free and open to the public. No registration is required.*

**Monday, October 5 at 7:00 PM** • Barnes & Noble Booksellers, Westlake Promenade

**Wednesday, October 14 at 7:00 PM** • Grant R. Brimhall Library  
*Spanish Language Book Discussion*

**Saturday, October 17 at 11:00 AM** • Grant R. Brimhall Library

**Saturday, October 24 at 11:00 AM** • Newbury Park Branch

## Special Events

*All One City, One Book events are FREE and open to the public.*

**Sunday, October 4, 2:00 – 3:00 PM** • Grant R. Brimhall Library  
***“Celebrando México!” featuring Ballet Folklórico Mestizo y Mariachi Aguilas de Oxnard:*** Come celebrate Mexico's exuberant music and dance traditions. Light refreshments will be served.

**Saturday, October 10, 2:00 – 3:30 PM** • Newbury Park Branch Library  
***Music of Día de los Muertos.*** Celebrate the tradition with Latino harpist Xavier Montes.

**Sunday, October 11, 2:00 – 4:00 PM** • Grant R. Brimhall Library  
***Día de los Muertos***, or The Day of the Dead, celebrates both the vitality and fragility of life. Come honor the lost loved ones in your family, and learn about Latino culture with the Inlakech Arts Center. Our hands-on craft stations are set for making crafts needed to create your own Día de los Muertos altar. Music from the Estrada Brothers.

**Thursday, October 15, 7:00 – 8:00 PM** • Grant R. Brimhall Library  
**Wednesday, November 4, 7:00 – 8:00 PM** • Newbury Park Branch Library  
***“Why Are They So Mean?”*** Join professionals from California Lutheran University's Community Counseling Services for a discussion about bullying: how to identify and prevent bullying, and understand its damaging effects on individuals and communities.

**Thursday, October 22, 7:00 – 8:00 PM** • Grant R. Brimhall Library  
***Coming Back from Brain Trauma:*** The Brain Injury Center of Ventura County provides support and assistance for injury survivors, their families and caregivers. Our panelists will discuss their challenges, victories and hopes for the future in this compelling program.

**Wednesday, October 28, 6:30 – 8:00 PM** • Grant R. Brimhall Library  
***Historias familiares increíbles: Tracing your amazing family history:*** A workshop hosted by the Ventura County Genealogical Society, with step-by-step guidance to help you explore your family's Latino roots.

**Thursday, October 29, 7:30 – 9:00 PM** • Lundring Events Center at California Lutheran University  
***CLU Faculty Panel Discussion.*** Professors from CLU bring their unique perspectives and thoughtful responses to many of the issues and themes in ***The Book Of Unknown Americans***. Hosted by Dr. Michaela Reaves, Professor of History.

**Sunday, November 1, 2:00 – 3:30 PM** • Grant R. Brimhall Library  
***Incendio Live In Concert.*** Nominated for the Independent Music Award, Latin musical group Incendio brings fiery guitar work, joined with world rhythms, exciting improvisations and creative song structures.

**Monday, November 2, 6:30 – 8:00 PM** • Grant R. Brimhall Library  
***The Dreamers.*** An important panel discussion sponsored by The American Assoc. of University Women and CLUE (Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice), featuring young Latino students who, while they live in the shadows of society, strive to achieve the American dream.

## One City, One Book Movie Series

**Thousand Oaks Grant R. Brimhall Library Community Room:**

**Monday, October 5, 1:00 PM** ***SPANGLISH*** – (Columbia Pictures, PG-13)  
With Téa Leoni, Adam Sandler and Cloris Leachman

**Monday, October 12, 1:00 PM** ***CÉSAR CHÁVEZ*** – (Lions Gate Films, PG-13)  
Starring Michael Peña, John Malkovich, Michael Cudlitz, America Ferrera, and John Ortiz.

**Monday, October 19, 1:00 PM** ***A BETTER LIFE*** – (Summit Entertainment, PG-13)  
With Demian Bichir and Jose Julian.

**Monday, October 26, 1:00 PM** ***SPARE PARTS*** – (Lions Gate Films, PG-13)  
Featuring George Lopez and Marisa Tomei.

**Newbury Park Branch Library Meeting Room:**

**Tuesday, October 6, 7:00 PM** ***MCFARLAND USA*** (Walt Disney Pictures, PG-13)  
Starring Kevin Costner.

**Tuesday, October 20, 7:00 PM** ***CÉSAR CHÁVEZ*** – (Lions Gate Films, PG-13)  
Cast includes Michael Peña, John Malkovich, America Ferrera, and John Ortiz.

# Schedule of Events

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or call 805-449-2660, option 5.

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<p><i>All One City, One Book events are free and open to the public.</i></p> <p><b>OCTOBER</b></p>				1	2	3
4 <b>Celebrando México!</b> featuring Ballet Folklórico Mestizo y Mariachi Aguilas de Oxnard 2:00pm, <b>GRB</b>	5 <b>Movie Series: Spanglish.</b> 1:00pm, <b>GRB</b> <b>Book Discussion.</b> 7:00pm, <b>Barnes &amp; Noble</b>	6 <b>Movie Series: McFarland USA</b> 7:00pm, <b>NPB</b>	7	8	9	10 <b>Music of Dia de los Muertos.</b> 2:00pm, <b>NPB</b>
11 <b>Dia de las Muertos</b> 2:00pm, <b>GRB</b>	12 <b>Movie Series: César Chávez.</b> 1:00pm, <b>GRB</b>	13	14 <b>Spanish Language Book Discussion.</b> 7:00pm, <b>GRB.</b>	15 <b>Why Are They So Mean?</b> 7:00pm, <b>GRB</b>	16	17 <b>Book Discussion.</b> 11:00am, <b>GRB</b>
18	19 <b>Movie Series: A Better Life.</b> 1:00pm, <b>GRB</b>	20 <b>Movie Series: César Chávez.</b> 7:00pm, <b>NPB</b>	21	22 <b>Coming Back From Brain Trauma</b> 7:00pm, <b>GRB</b>	23	24 <b>Book Discussion.</b> 11:00am, <b>NPB</b>
25	26 <b>Movie Series: Spare Parts.</b> 1:00pm, <b>GRB</b>	27	28 <b>Tracing Your Family History</b> 6:30pm, <b>GRB</b>	29 <b>CLU Faculty Panel Discussion</b> 7:30pm, Lundring Events Center at Calif. Lutheran University	30	31
<b>NOVEMBER</b>		3	4 <b>Why Are They So Mean?</b> 7:00pm, <b>NPB</b>	5	6	7
1 <b>Incendio In Concert.</b> 2:00pm, <b>GRB</b>	2 <b>The Dreamers. Panel Discussion</b> 6:30pm, <b>GRB</b>					
8 <b>Afternoon with Cristina Henriquez</b> 3:00pm at Civic Arts Plaza. <i>Free tickets are required.</i>	9	10	11	12	13	14
<p><b>GRB = Grant R. Brimhall Library</b> <b>NPB = Newbury Park Branch Library</b></p>						

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