

Kali Fajardo-Anstine Creates Space for Indigenous Latinxs in Literature

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If you are to know one thing about Kali Fajardo-Anstine it should be that she is one proud Denver, Colorado native. Her first book, a collection of short stories, *Sabrina & Corina*, is a love letter to her hometown and the people who inhabit it. The collection of stories shows what it is truly like to be an Indiginous, Latina woman in our day and age. Through her everlasting images, close ties to family ancestry, and perfected storytelling abilities, she gives volume to a voice that we have barely, or never heard before.

We are beyond excited to welcome Kali Fajardo-Anstine, a National Book Award Finalist, to the third and final week of the 2020 Winter With the Writers season. You can learn more about her writing style and see her live in action at the Masterclass this upcoming Thursday, February 27th at 2:00p.m. in Suntrust Auditorium. This class will consist of workshopping our very own intern's pieces, that they have submitted specifically for Kali. You won't want to miss this!

The Rollins College and Winter Park community is also encouraged to come out the night of the 27th at 7:30p.m. in Bush Auditorium to hear Fajardo-Anstine reading parts of *Sabrina & Corina*. Fellow National Book Award Finalist and poet Ilya Kaminsky will also be there and a joint Q & A session will occur once both readings are over. Remember not to go too far because there will be a book signing to conclude the night!

Kali Fajardo-Anstine is an inspiration to writers everywhere and we cannot wait to see what she has to teach us. Make sure you come out to Rollins College next week as we welcome our lovely and talented guests of honor.