



News Release

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Event: Brown Bag Workshop and Book Signing with Reyna Grande

Date: Monday, March 30

Place: Cuesta College SLO Campus, Room 5401 at 3 p.m.

Award Winning Author Featured at Workshop and Book Signing at Cuesta College

Award winning author Reyna Grande will host a brown bag workshop and book signing at Cuesta College on Monday, March 30 to share her story of immigrating to the United States, the inspiration for her latest book, "Across a Hundred Mountains."

Grande was born in Mexico and raised by grandparents after her parents immigrated to the United States. She followed her parents at the age of ten, first coming to the United States as an undocumented immigrant. She went on to become the first person in her family to obtain higher education, earning her master's degree in creative writing from Antioch University.

Her experience of being left behind in Mexico inspired her to write "Across a Hundred Mountains," which tells the story of a young girl in a similar circumstance. Her work on the novel has earned her the American Book Award and the El Premio Aztlan Literary Award. Her second novel, "Dancing with Butterflies" will be published in October.

The brown bag workshop and book signing with Grande is sponsored by the Cuesta College Cultural Diversity Student Equity Committee, the Cuesta College Cultural Center and the Latina Leadership Network.

Members of the community as well as students are invited to attend and bring their own brown bag lunch to enjoy during the workshop. The workshop and book signing will be held on March 30 at 3 p.m. in room 5401.

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