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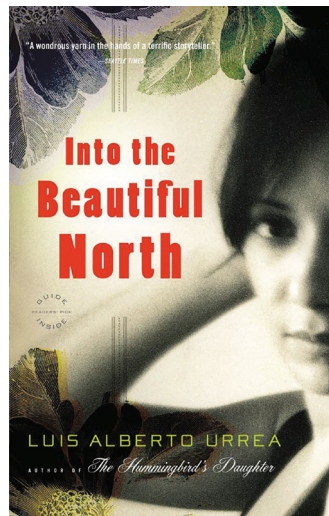


The NEA Big Read is a program of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest.

# WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF WE ALL READ THE SAME BOOK?

## THE BOOK

This novel is a quest: Nayeli, a young woman in a remote village in Sinaloa, Mexico, rallies her friends to venture from their home on a riotous journey through deserts and mountains and cities and trash dumps and diners to Kankakee, Illinois, U.S.A. They set out to save their hometown, and they discover things about themselves and the world along the way.



## THE AUTHOR



LUIS ALBERTO URREA is the award-winning author of 18 books of fiction, nonfiction, and poetry, and he is a distinguished professor of creative writing at the University of Illinois-Chicago. He was born in Tijuana and grew up in San Diego.

URREA WILL GIVE A KEYNOTE TALK at THE COMMUNITY LIBRARY MARCH 6 at 6:00 P.M.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**TUESDAYS, JAN. 8-MARCH 26, 6:00 P.M.**  
THE COMMUNITY LIBRARY  
ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE for Adults.

**WEDNESDAYS, JAN. 23-FEB. 27, 4:00 P.M.**  
THE COMMUNITY LIBRARY  
WINTER BOOK GROUP: *Home Lost and Found*.

**JANUARY 28, 5:00 P.M.**  
THE COMMUNITY LIBRARY  
PUBLIC ART UNVEILING of Boise-based graffiti and visual artist **Bobby Gaytan's** one-of-a-kind installation, inspired by the book.

**JANUARY 29, 5:30 P.M.**  
THE COMMUNITY LIBRARY  
BIG READ KICK-OFF PARTY (Co-hosted by Nosotros United student club from WRHS). Enjoy music, refreshments, and activities, and pick up a free copy of the book; English and Spanish copies available.

**JANUARY 31, 5:00 P.M.**  
HAILEY PUBLIC LIBRARY  
BIG READ KICK-OFF PARTY Enjoy local food and fare, and pick up a free copy of the book; English and Spanish copies available.

**FEBRUARY 5, 5:00 P.M.**  
HAILEY PUBLIC LIBRARY  
TACO TUESDAY and ART EXHIBIT

**FEBRUARY 6 AND 8, 10:30 A.M.**  
HAILEY PUBLIC LIBRARY  
MULTI-CULTURAL STORYTIME

**FEBRUARY 6, 5:30 P.M.**  
THE COMMUNITY LIBRARY  
ENGLISH BOOK DISCUSSION

**WEDNESDAYS, FEB. 6-MARCH 13, 10:30 AND 12:00 P.M.**  
THE COMMUNITY LIBRARY  
BEGINNING AND INTERMEDIATE SPANISH INSTRUCTION for Adults.  
Advanced registration required through the College of Southern Idaho: 208-788-2033)

**FEBRUARY 10, 6:00 P.M.**  
DIVINE WINE BAR  
FILM SCREENING of *The Magnificent Seven*

**FEBRUARY 12, 6:00 P.M.**  
THE COMMUNITY LIBRARY  
"CHICANX LITERATURE." talk with Dr. Carolyn Gonzalez, College of Idaho.

**FEBRUARY 13, 5:00 P.M.**  
WOOD RIVER HIGH SCHOOL BOOK DISCUSSION (hosted by WRHS English teachers and students).

**FEBRUARY 13, 5:30 P.M.**  
THE COMMUNITY LIBRARY  
SPANISH BOOK DISCUSSION

**FEBRUARY 20, 6:00 P.M.**  
THE COMMUNITY LIBRARY  
FILM SCREENING of *The Other Side of Immigration*

**FEBRUARY 25, 3:00 P.M.**  
THE COMMUNITY LIBRARY  
TEA TIME TALK: "Contemporary Mexican and Chicano Artists" with Kathryn Zupsic, a docent for the de Young and Legion of Honor museums in San Francisco.

**FEBRUARY 26, 4:00 P.M.**  
HAILEY PUBLIC LIBRARY  
YOUNG ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION  
*Inside Out and Back Again* by Thanhha Lai; copies available at HPL.

**FEBRUARY 27, 6:00 P.M.**  
HAILEY PUBLIC LIBRARY  
ENGLISH/SPANISH BOOK DISCUSSION and POTLUCK DINNER

**FEBRUARY 28, 6:00 P.M.**  
THE COMMUNITY LIBRARY  
"MODERNITY AND MEXICAN FICTION" talk with Dr. Adrian Kane, Boise State University.

**MARCH 2, 2:00 P.M.**  
HAILEY PUBLIC LIBRARY  
"UNDERSTANDING MIGRATION" talk with Dr. John Bieter, Boise State University.

**MARCH 5, 6:00 P.M.**  
WOOD RIVER SUSTAINABILITY CENTER  
LINES BETWEEN WINES book discussion (\$30 registration fee includes book discussion, light refreshments and wine tasting; call Hailey Public Library at 208-721-3114 to register.)

**MARCH 6, 6:00 P.M.**  
THE COMMUNITY LIBRARY  
CLOSING CELEBRATION and KEYNOTE TALK with *Into the Beautiful North* author, **LUIS ALBERTO URREA** (This talk will also be Livestreamed at HPL.)

Find more resources online: <https://www.arts.gov/national-initiatives/nea-big-read/into-the-beautiful-north>

"Books allow me to experience other worlds, lives and ways of thinking. Reading and sharing books with my colleagues and neighbors enhances the connections and the learning."  
- GwenCarol Holmes, Ed.D., Superintendent of Blaine County School District

"The chosen title of *Into the Beautiful North* by Luis Alberto Urrea is timely, thoughtful, and evoking. This community-wide read will provide a great opportunity for conversation and engagement." - LeAnn Gelskey, Director of Hailey Public Library

