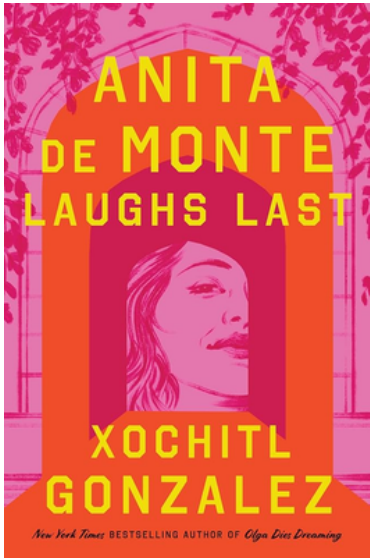


HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH



In anticipation of #HispanicHeritageMonth (Sept. 15 - Oct. 15) our two #BookoftheMonth selects celebrate Latina artists and their stories of struggle and success. It is through both stories that readers are introduced to three unique women embrace their Hispanic heritage while it also created barriers as they work to succeed in the art world. As seen in both of our books, art is often used as a means of expression and understanding one's identity. It may be in how you chose to express yourself creatively or in the art you're interested in studying and experiencing.

Our project is one that encourages you to reflect on your own identity and how art can help you better express or understand your heritage. We encourage you to do a little research into styles, mediums and artists who share the same ethnic roots, cultural teachings and personal experiences as your own. When you feel you have done enough research, embark on your own creative journey to create a piece of art that reflects your understanding of yourself now. It may be a painting, sculptural work or even a piece of music. The medium is less important than the process of creating and self-reflection. A piece of art you use as a marker while you continue to grow and have you sense of self adapt with each new life experience.

Don't forget to share your project with us using #LymanAllynAtHome on social media.



September Book of the Month

Adult readers will dive into Xochitl Gonzalez's second novel, *Anita de Monte Laughs Last*, a story of parallel lives. One drawing inspiration from the author's own life and the other based on the life and work of Ana Mendieta. Together these woman's lives spark the reader to consider how love, power and art influence who is remembered and who may be left behind.

Our younger readers will focus on another Latina, who faced her own challenges ranging from physical ailments to finding her own fame and identity as an artist apart from her famous husband. Written by Lucy Brownridge, *Portrait of an Artist: Frida Kahlo: Discover the Artist Behind the Masterpieces*, brings readers though Kahlo's life accompanied by the illustrations of Sandra Dieckmann.