



NOT JUST FOR YA BOOK CLUB*

Join us on Friday, March 11, 2016 at 6:30pm

at **PANERA BREAD**

1 North Broadway, White Plains, NY 10601

for an open discussion group for adults who read (YA) Young Adult Literature. Come join us to talk about our featured book, anything which has the YA buzz and also bring reading suggestions for possible featured books for future meetings.



MARCH 2016 Featured Read: **BECOMING MARIA: Love and Chaos in the South Bronx** by Sonia Manzano

Pura Belpre Honor winner for *The Revolution of Evelyn Serrano* and one of America's most influential Hispanics--'Maria' on Sesame Street--delivers a beautifully wrought coming-of-age memoir. Set in the 1950s in the Bronx, this is the story of a girl with a dream. Emmy award-winning actress and writer Sonia Manzano plunges us into the daily lives of a Latino family that is both loving and troubled. This is Sonia's own story rendered with an unforgettable narrative power. When readers meet young Sonia, she is a child living amidst the squalor of a boisterous home that is filled with noisy relatives and nosy neighbors. Each day she is glued to the TV screen that blots out the painful realities of her existence and also illuminates the possibilities that lie ahead. But — click! — when the TV goes off, Sonia is taken back to real life, the cramped, colorful world of her neighborhood and an alcoholic father. But it is Sonia's dream of becoming an actress that keeps her afloat among the turbulence of her life and times. Spiced with culture, heartache, and humor, this memoir paints a lasting portrait of a girl's resilience as she grows up to become an inspiration to millions. An *SLJ* Best Books of 2015 Selection.

Check out this article in EW: <http://www.ew.com/article/2015/08/25sesame-street-sonia-manzano-book>

We will also talk about YA literature (what YA books you are reading other than the group read), pop culture, movies, music, video games, apps, teen reading/publishing trends and any other YA related topics you would like to bring up!

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