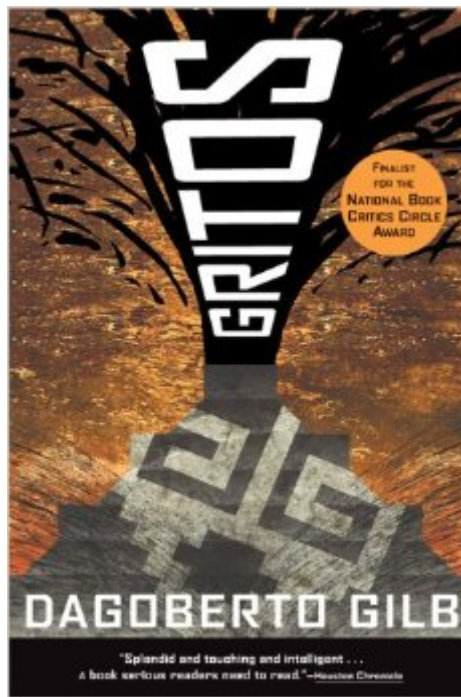


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# Gritos: Essays



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This book makes visible what is invisible to so many. Dagoberto Gilb uses the deeply personal to create vivid memories for the reader. His writing shouts and sings with humor, beauty, sadness and pleasure.

gilb read yesterday here at the arkansas literary festival and was the best speaker I heard. I can't tell you how much we enjoyed his talk and lecture. I came to this page to buy his essay book bc the festival forgot to order it! what we heard him read was a such treat and he was utterly entertaining. the women I was with were talking about the man's movie star looks and charm but I say put try to put that aside. the man and his writing are beyond a doubt talented.

We are fortunate to have this beautiful man writng for us. It is better when you get to here him read. I love everything he read to us at Nueva Onda but the story in this book called ""Pride" I love so much. The best, about El Paso but about us in the valley too. About our people, our cultura, and our pride. People need to learn more of Dagoberto and his work. We are lucky and I for one can not wait for his next book and visit.

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