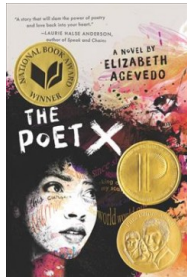


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(C.R.A.B.) Book Club Guide



***The Poet X* by Elizabeth Acevedo**

Quill Tree Books, 2018; 384 pages/audio 3 hours, 30 minutes

“Acevedo captures the sounds and sights of Xiomara’s Harlem neighborhood poignantly and vividly in this shining debut.”

–Voice of Youth Advocates, 2/1/2018

Summary

With Mami’s determination to force her daughter to obey the laws of the church, Xiomara understands that her thoughts are best kept to herself. So when she is invited to join her school’s slam poetry club, she doesn’t know how she could ever attend without her mami finding out. But she still can’t stop thinking about performing her poems. Because in the face of a world that may not want to hear her, Xiomara refuses to be silent.

Author Information

Elizabeth Acevedo is the author of *The Poet X*--which won the National Book Award for Young People’s Literature, the Michael L. Printz Award, the Pura Belpré Award, the Boston Globe-Horn Book Award, and the Walter Award--as well as *With the Fire on High* and *Clap When You Land*. She is a National Poetry Slam champion and holds an MFA in creative writing from the University of Maryland. Acevedo lives with her partner in Washington, DC. You can find out more about her at www.acevedowrites.com.

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