

## **Newsletter – June 2007**

### **CONTEST**

The winner of the March/April contest for fabulous book CINDERELLA LOPEZ was Carol Mintz! Congratulations, Carol!

The next contest for June/July is an autographed Route 66 book bag! I have a similar bag that I take to all conferences, to meetings, well...everywhere! You can read about my travels along Route 66 in the travel section of my website.

Sign up for the contest at [www.lara-rios.com](http://www.lara-rios.com)

### **NEW NAME**

The time for me to select my new pseudonym has finally come. I'll be turning in my completed manuscript for THE FAT CONTEST this month, and with it I will be notifying my publisher of the name I chose.

Help me select the name by voting for your favorite choice. Go to: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/laraayudantes> after June 10th to vote. Join the group and participate in the poll!

### **BECOMING LATINA AND BECOMING AMERICANA**

Thanks for your continued support and encouragement with both "Becoming" books. Many of you have asked if there will be a third book with the same characters! There are no plans for that right now. I like to think of Marcela and Lupe finally living happily ever after with their fab guys.

There is, however, an Amazon short available now called How to Respond to the 10 Most FAQ About Latinos. This tongue-in-cheek piece is from both Lupe's and Marcela's points of view. You can download it for \$0.49!

Also, don't forget to visit The Vibe Kids to read Lupe's Diary. This is free!

### **WEBSITE UPDATES**

I always intended to update the travel section of my website on a regular basis, but I haven't done much traveling in the past year. However, within the next week or so, I'll share my experiences traveling along Route 66 from California to Missouri! It was quite a trip. I outran tornados, got scared off by a spider in a hotel room, and woke up to snow in May (probably not a big deal to many of you, but quite shocking for a California girl). Look for this update soon!

## **CONTACT ME**

Do you have questions or comments or do you just want to say "HI"? I'd love to talk to you. Email me at: [lararios@earthlink.net](mailto:lararios@earthlink.net) I promise to get to your email within a day or two!

Until next month!

Much Love,

Lara Rios