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## Bio



### MEET THE AUTHOR

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Marisel Vera is a Chicago writer based in Pittsburgh, PA. Through her work, Vera explores the particular burdens that Puerto Ricans, on the island and in the diaspora, carry as colonial subjects of the most powerful country in the world.

Her latest novel, *The Taste of Sugar* (Liveright Publishing, June 2020), is a tale of love and endurance on the eve of the Spanish-American War, told through two Puerto Rican families. Vera is also the author of *If I Bring You Roses* (Grand Central), a story about a Puerto Rican couple who move to the United States during 1950s' Operation Bootstrap to chase the American Dream in Chicago's factories.

Vera is currently at work on a novel about four Puerto Rican girls growing up in 1970's Chicago, *The Girls from Humboldt Park* (working title).

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