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**The Carlos Bulosan Book Club**  
**Presents**  
**READINGS BY FILIPINO AMERICAN AUTHORS**

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With:

Noel Alunit, author *Letters to Montgomery Clift, Talking to the Moon*

Cecilia Brainard, author *The Newspaper Widow, When the Rainbow Goddess Wept, Selected Short Stories*

Melissa Chadburn, author *A Tiny Upward Shove (debut novel)*

Angela Narciso Torres, author *What Happens Is Neither, Blood Orange, To the Bone*

When: Saturday, May 21, 2022 at 1:30 pm (PST - Pacific Standard Time)

Where\*: [Edendale Branch LA Public Library](https://www.lapl.org/branches/edendale) (https://www.lapl.org/branches/edendale)  
2011 Sunset Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90026 (\*moved from Echo Park Library, the original venue)

Parking: [1204 N. Alvarado Street, LA, CA 90026](#) (behind the library; enter on Alvarado Street)

Books: Visit BEL CANTO BOOKS at <https://belcantobooks.net/events>; Email: [info@belcantobooks.net](mailto:info@belcantobooks.net)). Purchase specific books below online.

Cecilia Brainard	<a href="#">The Newspaper Widow</a> <a href="#">When the Rainbow Goddess Wept</a> <a href="#">Selected Short Stories</a>
Melissa Chadburn	<a href="#">A Tiny Upward Stove</a>
Angela Torress	<a href="#">What Happens is Neither</a> <a href="#">Blood Orange</a> <a href="#">To The Bone</a>

The event is free and open to the public. Due to COVID19, proof of vaccination, masking and social distancing may be required. Based on prevailing conditions, other public health safety measures may be implemented. For more information, please email us at: [cbbc@cbbc.club](mailto:cbbc@cbbc.club).

[RSVP/Register HERE](#) for in-person attendance.

To attend via zoom, complete the [RSVP FORM](#) and then register for a zoom link

This event will also be live streamed on CBBC's [FB Page](#):

While the Reading itself will start at 2 p.m, gathering time will be at 1:30. The Reading will be 1 hour and 15 minutes long, followed by an Open Forum. Book Signing follows.

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## About the Authors



**Angela Narciso Torres** is the author of *What Happens Is Neither, To the Bone*, and *Blood Orange*. Recent work appears or is forthcoming in POETRY, Poetry Northwest, and Prairie Schooner.

A graduate of Warren Wilson MFA Program for Writers and Harvard Graduate School of Education, she received First Prize in the Yeats Poetry Prize (W.B. Yeats Society of New York). She serves as a senior and reviews editor for *RHINO Poetry*.



**Cecilia Manguerra Brainard** is the author and editor of over 20 books. She authored 3 novels: *When the Rainbow Goddess Wept*, *Magdalena*, and *The Newspaper Widow*. Her recent book is *Selected Short Stories* by Cecilia Manguerra Brainard.

She also edited books such as *Fiction by Filipinos in America*, and the popular young adult anthologies: *Growing Up Filipino 1 and 2*. She is currently working on *Growing Up Filipino Book 3*.



**Noel Alunit** is an actor, writer and Buddhist pastor. He wrote the novels *Letters to Montgomery Clift* and *Talking to the Moon*, a Los Angeles Times Bestseller.

Noel's work has been published in *USA Today*, *The Advocate*, *the Huffington Post* and others and his awards include the Stonewall Book Award (American Library Association), the Violet Quill Award (InsightOutBooks), and the James Duggins Mid-Career Prize. His work has made the finalist lists for the PEN Literary Award and the Lambda Literary Award.



**Melissa Chadburn** is the author of the debut novel *A Tiny Upward Shove*, a book inspired by the author's Filipino heritage and its folklore, as it traces the too-short life of a young cast-off woman transformed by death into an agent of justice --- or mercy. Her writing has appeared in *The Los Angeles Times*, *The New York Times Book Review*, *The New York Review of Books*, *The Paris Review online*, *The Best American Food Writing*, and elsewhere. She is a PhD candidate in creative writing at the University of Southern California.

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