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BOOK RESUME: JULIET TAKES A BREATH

BOOK SYNOPSIS

Juliet Milagros Palante is a self-proclaimed closeted Puerto Rican baby dyke from the Bronx. Only, she's not so closeted anymore. Not after coming out to her family the night before flying to Portland, Oregon, to intern with her favorite feminist writer—what's sure to be a life-changing experience. And when Juliet's coming out crashes and burns, she's not sure her mom will ever speak to her again.

But Juliet has a plan—sort of. Her internship with legendary author Harlowe Brisbane, the ultimate authority on feminism, women's bodies, and other gay-sounding stuff, is sure to help her figure out this whole "Puerto Rican lesbian" thing. Except Harlowe's white. And not from the Bronx. And she definitely doesn't have all the answers . . .

In a summer bursting with queer brown dance parties, a sexy fling with a motorcycling librarian, and intense explorations of race and identity, Juliet learns what it means to come out—to the world, to her family, to herself.

REVIEWS AND PRAISE

★"Reflects early adult life . . . in all its messy, confusing splendor."
—*Publishers Weekly*, starred review

"If you read too quickly you might miss the bite of Juliet's humor or the adeptness with which Rivera captures both the disappointments and the possibilities that come with realizing that your life's solution cannot be figured out by someone else." —*The New York Times*

"The kind of book that gets the bitter-sweet pain and longing of growing up exactly right." —Lambda Literary

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

- A New Jersey Garden State Teen Book Award selection
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