

## Who Was Selena

20th Anniversary Edition An intimate and investigative portrait of beloved Mexican American singer Selena Quintanilla's murder by Emmy Award-winning journalist Mar í a Celeste Arrar á s. Now with a new foreword and afterword by the author for the 20th Anniversary Edition. There is no doubt that Yolanda Sald í var pulled the trigger and killed Tejano superstar Selena Quintanilla P é rez on March 31, 1995. But does anyone know what really happened in Room 158 of the Days Inn, moments before the crime took place? Mar í a Celeste Arrar á s has many answers, and her unrivaled coverage of the murder, trial, and aftermath made her the undisputed expert on the Selena case. Arrar á s shares firsthand information about the crime and the people involved—including details of her headline-making jailhouse interview with Yolanda, who repeatedly spoke of "Selena's secret"—a powerful hidden piece of information that she refused to divulge in the courtroom but revealed to Arrar á s at length. Many questions were raised, and not all were answered until this revealing interview shed light on the crime. Why was there a suitcase filled with Selena's clothes at the murder scene? What was the significance of the jeweled ring, adorned with the initial S that fell from Selena's bloody fist? Who was the doctor from Monterrey who called himself Selena's confidant and

business adviser? Selena's Secret fits together the pieces of this puzzle and depicts what really happened on that rainy day in March.

Told in a new Who HQ NOW format for trending topics, this Who Was? biography details NBA superstar Kobe Bryant's legendary career and the impact of his legacy on the sports world and beyond. Kobe Bryant was just an eighteen-year-old high-school basketball player when he decided to enter the National Basketball Association's draft. Though he was the thirteenth overall pick by the Charlotte Hornets, he would never play a single game for them. Instead, Kobe was traded to the Los Angeles Lakers, where he would spend his entire twenty-season career, winning five championships and numerous awards. Author Ellen Labreque takes readers through each exciting moment, from his iconic dunks to his 81-point game--all the milestones that span Kobe Bryant's legendary career and legacy.

A feverish story of young adulthood, exploring how fandom and obsession shape how we relate to the world . . . Dreaming of You navigates the complexities of Latinx identity, self-loathing, love, and the loneliness of drifting into adulthood. --Miguel Salazar, Vulture Themes of celebrity, fandom, grief, queer identity, and loneliness feature in this novel in verse about a poet who resurrects Tejano pop star Selena. This story is as absurd and magical as it

sounds. --Casey Stepaniuk, *Autostraddle* A macabre novel in verse of loss, longing, and identity crises following a poet who resurrects pop star Selena from the dead. Melissa Lozada-Oliva's *Dreaming of You* is an absurd yet heartfelt examination of celebrity worship. A young Latinx poet grappling with loneliness and heartache decides one day to bring Tejano pop star Selena Quintanilla back to life. The sé ance kicks off an uncanny trip narrated by a Greek chorus of gossiping spirits as she journeys through a dead celebrity prom, encounters her shadow self, and performs karaoke in hell. In visceral poems embodying millennial angst, paragraph-long conversations overheard at her local coffeeshop, and unhinged Twitter rants, Lozada-Oliva reveals an eerie, sometimes gruesome, yet moving love story. Playfully morbid and profoundly candid, an interrogation of Latinidad, womanhood, obsession, and disillusionment, *Dreaming of You* grapples with the cost of being seen for your truest self.

Even as a kid, everyone thought Jeff Kinney was talented. People loved his drawings, and when he went to college, his comic strip *Igdoof* was so popular that it spread to other universities! Still, Jeff faced challenges. His cartoons were rejected by syndicates that claimed his art was unprofessional. Then, an idea struck: Jeff would write a journal from the perspective of a child, illustrated with doodles just like a kid might do. And so, the *Diary of a Wimpy*

Kid series was born--and it was a hit! In this biography, Jeff's brother, Patrick Kinney, provides a knowledgeable look at the life of this best-selling author/illustrator. From Jeff's childhood pranks to his job developing online games, kids will love the chance to learn more about the creator of the popular Wimpy Kid books.

My Family's Journey in Music

Dreaming of You

Who Was Kobe Bryant?

Blood Empire

Selenidad

History of a Working-class Music

"Well researched and insightful ... By writing First Lady, Michael Ashcroft has done us a favour ... This book tells us a lot about the way Britain under Boris Johnson is being run." – Kathy Gyngell, *The Conservative Woman*  
"[The] explosive book that has set Westminster alight." – Mail on Sunday  
Carrie Johnson is not only the consort of the Prime Minister, Boris Johnson; she is also considered by some to be the second most powerful unelected woman in Britain after the Queen. Since she moved into Downing Street in July 2019, questions have been raised about her perceived influence, her apparent desire to control events, and the number of her associates who have been appointed to positions of standing in the government machine. So, are these concerns justified? In this carefully researched unauthorised biography, Michael Ashcroft charts the extraordinary ascent of Mrs Johnson, speaking to

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multiple sources who have been close to her and to Boris Johnson in recent years to produce a fascinating portrait of a woman who is still under the age of thirty-five. The book scrutinises Mrs Johnson's colourful family, her attempt to become a professional actress, and her early decision to work in politics. Long before she moved into No. 10, Mrs Johnson made a name for herself as a Conservative Party press aide before becoming a special adviser to two Cabinet ministers and eventually director of communications at Conservative campaign headquarters. Aside from politics, she is also the mother of two young children and campaigns in the fields of the environment and animal welfare. Carrie Johnson is without doubt a very modern prime ministerial spouse. This examination of her career and life offers the electorate the chance to assess exactly what role she plays in Boris Johnson's unpredictable administration and why that matters.

Born to a family of farmers, Lincoln stood out from an early age—literally! (He was six feet four inches tall.) As sixteenth President of the United States, he guided the nation through the Civil War and saw the abolition of slavery. But Lincoln was tragically shot one night at Ford's Theater—the first President to be assassinated. Over 100 black-and-white illustrations and maps are included.

Adapted from the "New York Times" bestseller for adults--the true story of an unsung hero, whose actions on September 11th offer a lasting lesson about character, calling, and courage.

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seller by Karen Kilgariff and Georgia Hardstark, the voices behind the hit podcast *My Favorite Murder!* Sharing never-before-heard stories ranging from their struggles with depression, eating disorders, and addiction, Karen and Georgia irreverently recount their biggest mistakes and deepest fears, reflecting on the formative life events that shaped them into two of the most followed voices in the nation. In *Stay Sexy & Don't Get Murdered*, Karen and Georgia focus on the importance of self-advocating and valuing personal safety over being 'nice' or 'helpful.' They delve into their own pasts, true crime stories, and beyond to discuss meaningful cultural and societal issues with fierce empathy and unapologetic frankness. "In many respects, *Stay Sexy & Don't Get Murdered* distills the *My Favorite Murder* podcast into its most essential elements: Georgia and Karen. They lay themselves bare on the page, in all of their neuroses, triumphs, failures, and struggles. From eating disorders to substance abuse and kleptomania to the wonders of therapy, Kilgariff and Hardstark recount their lives with honesty, humor, and compassion, offering their best unqualified life-advice along the way." —*Entertainment Weekly* "Like the podcast, the book offers funny, feminist advice for survival—both in the sense of not getting killed and just, like, getting a job and working through your personal shit so you can pay your bills and have friends." —*Rolling Stone* At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

A True Crime Collection About Tejano Singer Selena's

Murder: How Old Was Selena When She Died  
Dreaming

The Next Generation of Women Leaders

Who Is Jeff Kinney?

Selena's Secret

Selena Como LA Flor

A history of conjunto music and musicians.

Katima Sweets, a scientist at Sweets Incorporated, has her share of problems. Anxiety is the biggest one, but when unknown emails start to plague her life, her father hires the only person she can trust, Arturo Cruz. Arturo is a bodyguard who will hunt down anyone to protect an innocent life. As the lines begin to blur between them, Katima's time is running out. When the threat level escalates, Katima needs to make a choice. Will she forfeit her life, or will she fight for the love that has just begun to blossom?

**Publisher's Note:** This steamy mafia romance contains a theme of power exchange.

The inspiring story of a young Swedish schoolgirl who sparked a worldwide revolution, told in a new Who HQ NOW format for trending topics. When she was just fifteen years old, Greta Thunberg knew she wanted to change the world. With a hand-painted sign that read "School strike for the climate" in Swedish, Greta sat alone on the steps of the Swedish parliament to call for stronger action on climate change. Her one-person strike would soon spark a worldwide movement. This exciting story details the defining moments in Greta's childhood that led up to her now-famous strike and all the monumental ones that have fueled her revolution since, including being named Time's Most Influential Person of the Year in 2019.

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A profile of the late Mexican American singer considers the culture that influenced her career, the family that supported her rise and ultimately set the stage for her downfall, and her shocking murder by the head of her fan club

The Texas-Mexican Conjunto

Who Was Aretha Franklin?

A Beautiful Coloring Book Including Lots of Selena Quintanilla Images for Relaxation and Stress Relief

Who Is Greta Thunberg?

Who Is Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez?

To Selena, with Love

Discover why Selena, the Queen of Tejano music, became one of the most celebrated Mexican-American entertainers of the twentieth century! As a young girl, Selena Quintanilla sang in a band called Selena y Los Dinos with her brother and sister. The family performed at fairs, weddings, quinceañeras, and on street corners in their native Texas. Selena learned how to sing in Spanish and soon became hugely popular within the Latino community--so much so that she became the best-selling Latin artist of the 1990s. Selena was poised to be a great success, but her life was cut short after being fatally wounded by the president of her fan club. Selena's contributions to music and fashion during her life made her one of the top Latin musicians in the 1990s, and readers will want to know more about the woman who introduced the world to Tejano music.



Selena Quintanilla Perez was considered by many as the first female superstar in the Tejano music industry. Yolanda Saldivar was the president of Selena's fan club and a dedicated employee. On March 31, 1995 Saldivar shot Selena at a Corpus Christi motel causing her death from the single gunshot. The shooting left many unanswered questions. This is a first-hand account of the trial of Yolanda Saldivar for the murder of Selena. It is a riveting, behind the scenes look at what happened before, during and after the trial as told by the man in charge of the prosecution, District Attorney Carlos Valdez. Learn the surprising answers to all of the questions raised during the trial. You'll sit with the prosecution team as the trial unfolds and watch, not just what was publicly seen by the spectators, but also what went on beyond the glare of the media lights. Narrated in an easy-to-read, conversational style, by one of the principal players in this real life drama, this book is a must-read for anyone who has lingering questions about why the murder occurred in the first place. Every question will be answered.

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Relive the moments when African Americans fought for equal rights, and made history. Even though slavery had ended in the 1860s, African Americans were still suffering under the weight of segregation a hundred years later. They couldn't

go to the same schools, eat at the same restaurants, or even use the same bathrooms as white people. But by the 1950s, black people refused to remain second-class citizens and were willing to risk their lives to make a change. Author Sherri L. Smith brings to life momentous events through the words and stories of people who were on the frontlines of the civil rights movement of the 1950s and 1960s. This book also features the fun black-and-white illustrations and engaging 16-page photo insert that readers have come love about the What Was? series!

She Killed Selena

Intrigue at the Court of Carrie and Boris Johnson

The Red Bandanna

Handbook of Texas Music

First Lady

Queen of Tejano Music: Selena

NOW A MAJOR MOTION PICTURE The #1 New York Times bestselling worldwide sensation with more than 12 million copies sold, "a painfully beautiful first novel that is at once a murder mystery, a coming-of-age narrative and a celebration of nature" (The New York Times Book Review). For years, rumors of the "Marsh Girl" have haunted Barkley Cove, a quiet town on the North Carolina coast. So in late 1969, when handsome Chase Andrews is found dead, the locals immediately suspect Kya Clark, the so-

called Marsh Girl. But Kya is not what they say. Sensitive and intelligent, she has survived for years alone in the marsh that she calls home, finding friends in the gulls and lessons in the sand. Then the time comes when she yearns to be touched and loved. When two young men from town become intrigued by her wild beauty, Kya opens herself to a new life—until the unthinkable happens. *Where the Crawdads Sing* is at once an exquisite ode to the natural world, a heartbreaking coming-of-age story, and a surprising tale of possible murder. Delia Owens reminds us that we are forever shaped by the children we once were, and that we are all subject to the beautiful and violent secrets that nature keeps.

The inspiring story of the youngest woman ever elected to Congress, told in the new Who HQ Now format for trending topics. On June 26, 2018, twenty-eight-year-old Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, a bartender from New York City, became the youngest woman ever elected to serve on Congress. Her win shocked the political world and she became a celebrity overnight. Soon, everyone knew her by her initials: AOC. As soon as she was sworn into office, AOC became a vocal champion for healthcare for all and the fight against climate change. This exciting story details the defining moments of what led to her

victory and all the monumental ones since that have shaped her into a smart politician willing to fight for others, the environment, and the future of America.

"I took it out to tell her 'Look I'm going to kill myself' and she said 'No Yolanda' and she turned to open the door to - to call for help or something...and I told her 'No' and I just - and I - I never pointed a gun at anybody and it just went off...I bought this gun to kill myself. Not her. Not her. And she told me 'Yolanda, I don't want you to kill yourself.' And we were talking about it when I took it out and pointed it to my head. And when I pointed it to my head, she opened the door. I said 'Selena close that door, ' and when I said that the gun went off." [1] In order to learn more about Yolanda Saldivar, it is necessary to know about the woman she murdered - Selena Quintanilla, because the murder was, by itself, unremarkable. However, the victim was a beloved singer who was idolized by many, and her untimely death propelled Saldivar firmly into the spotlight. Their lives were intertwined, and as such one cannot tell the story of one without telling the story of the other.

For those who have huge love for Selena Quintanilla, it's time for you to come check out and purchase this coloring book. Inside this book, you will be given a lot of stunning

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illustrations of Selena Quintanilla which are high quality and are designed carefully. This book promises to meet your expectations and it is worth your money. Come to this book, you have a great chance to relax and have fun time with friends and family members at weekends or during holidays. Moreover, this book also helps you nurture your creativity and imagination. High quality pages and bright papers Perfect size 8.5"x11" Printed on one sided pages to avoid bleed-through Many Selena Quintanilla illustrations Ideal gift for loved ones on all occasions

Where the Crawdads Sing (Movie Tie-In)

Female Force

The Definitive How-To Guide

What Is the Civil Rights Movement?

How Smart Women Ask--and Stand Up--for What They Want

Justice for Selena -The State Versus Yolanda Saldivar

Popular leadership blogger gives the low-down on standing up for yourself In Pushback, top leadership consultant Selena Rezvani argues that self-advocacy is critical to success. Yet women initiate negotiations four times less often than men, resulting in getting less of what they want—promotion opportunities, plum

assignments, and higher pay. This book shines a light on the real rules of holding your own and pushing back for what is rightfully yours. Drawing on interviews with high-level leaders, Rezvani offers readers in the first half of their career the unedited truth about how women have asked their way to the top and triumphed—and how you can too. Includes interviews with top business leaders such as Marie Chandoha, CEO of Charles Schwab Investment Management; Cindi Bigelow, President of Bigelow Tea Company; Fizzah Jafri, COO at Morgan Stanley; Rosemary Turner, President at UPS; and Irene Chang Britt, Chief Strategy Officer at Campbell's Soup Offers a reliable and methodic approach to negotiating and navigating tough conversations Highlights compelling facts and research from the world of psychology and leadership Insightful and accessible, Pushback is a timely resource for savvy women who want to leverage their skills, promote themselves effectively, and fast track their careers.

Selena Quintanilla-Perez was taken from us far too soon, the victim of a senseless murder at age 23. Often called the "Mexican Madonna" or the "Queen of Tejano," Selena is arguably one of the

brightest performers of the 1980s and 1990s. Her popularity has surged recently, driven by her strong vocals and incredible stage performances. This dynamic issue explores her humble origins and her rise to superstardom. The "Female Force" biographical comic series has drawn a firestorm of media attention, including features on "The Today Show" CNN, MSNBC and FOX News, and in Time and People magazines. The "Female Force" imprint features prominent and influential authors, business executives, entertainers, journalists, politicians, and activists. The latest biography comic book joins TidalWave's ever-growing library of more than 200 comic book biographies. - Previous titles have profiled Mother Teresa, Kamala Harris, Tina Fey, Betty White, Michelle Obama, Barbra Streisand to Cher and Gloria Steinem. These biographical comics, written by some of the most talented writers in the comic world and beyond, deliver an informed and illustrated look into the lives of these figures. A groundbreaking, empowering collection of advice--richly illustrated with the stories of women at top echelons of their fields--that advances the leadership outlook for Generation X and Y women like

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no book before it. \* Includes 30 interviews with highly accomplished business women \* Offers a foreword by Gail Evans, the highest-ranking woman executive ever at CNN \* Provides a far-reaching bibliography of significant materials combining works examining gender dynamics in addition to business classics

Documents the rags-to-riches story of Harry Potter author J.K. Rowling, tracing the inspiration for her famous series and her lifelong love of literature. Original. Who Was Stan Lee?

Eragon

Who Was Selena?

A Tribute to Selena Quintanilla-Pérez

A Novel in Verse

A Father's Dream

There is only one QUEEN OF SOUL! Discover why Aretha Franklin garners so much R-E-S-P-E-C-T. Aretha Franklin was a musical and cultural icon whose legacy spanned six decades! Born in Memphis, Tennessee, in 1942, Aretha got her start singing in front of her father's Baptist congregation and found minor success as a gospel singer. She then set her sights on becoming a pop music artist and used her powerful voice and impressive skills on the piano to get a record deal. Aretha released her first of many celebrated albums at the age of 18. In 1987, she was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, making her the first female artist to grace the prestigious list. With iconic hits such as "Respect" and "Think," and countless awards to her name including eighteen Grammys, Aretha Franklin was one of the



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bestselling artists of all time.

Selena Quintanilla-P é rez was a Mexican-American singer who achieved international fame as a member of Selena y Los Dinos and for her subsequent solo career in both Spanish and English. In January 1995, Quintanilla Jr. began receiving telephone calls and letters from angry fans who had sent membership payments and had received nothing in return. He began investigating their complaints and found evidence that Sald í var had embezzled \$60,000 from the fan club and the boutiques using forged checks. After the Quintanilla family confronted her about this, Sald í var bought a gun and fatally shot Selena on the morning of March 31, 1995. Although the healthcare team tried to revive Selena, she was ultimately pronounced dead due to hypovolemic shock and cardiac arrest. Upon discovery of her thieving, she was fired in March of 1995. Three weeks after her firing, Selena agreed to meet with Saldivor under the pretext that she would be giving her the financial records of her fan club business. Upon her arrival, Saldivar told Selena that she had been raped. Horrified, Selena took her fan club president to a hospital where doctors found no evidence of rape. They returned to the motel and Saldivar then pointed a gun at the popular singer. What happened next would change the course of Tejano music forever...

An exuberant picture book celebrating the life and legacy of Selena Quintanilla, beloved Queen of Tejano music. From a very early age, young Selena knew how to connect with people and bring them together with music. Sing with Me follows Selena's rise to stardom, from front-lining her family's band at rodeos and quincea ñ eras to performing in front of tens of thousands at the Houston Astrodome. Young readers will be empowered by Selena's dedication--learning Spanish as a teenager, designing her own clothes, and traveling around the country with her family--sharing her pride in her

Mexican-American roots and her love of music and fashion with the world.

Dreaming brings together lyrical renditions, little boys dancing "the washing machine," prayers over velas, and odes to purple, sparkly hips swaying to cumbia beats. There's thirty-three works of poetry, prose, and fiction on these pages that provide such narratives: "For Selena" by Timothy Daily-Valdés, "One of Us: Selena Quintanilla-Pérez" by Nancy de la Zerda, "La Milagrosa Selena" by Rubén Degollado and plenty more pieces showing the world the impact she continues to make on the dance floor and across generations.

Pushback

Sing with Me: The Story of Selena Quintanilla

Who is J. K. Rowling?

Pop Star and Actress

Selena's Killer Yolanda Saldivar

**The musical voice of Texas presents itself as vast and diverse as the Lone Star State's landscape. According to Casey Monahan, "To travel Texas with music as your guide is a year-round opportunity to experience first-hand this amazing cultural force....Texas music offers a vibrant and enjoyable experience through which to understand and enjoy Texas culture." Building on the work of The Handbook of Texas Music that was published in 2003 and in partnership with the Texas Music Office and the Center for Texas Music History (Texas State University-San Marcos), The Handbook of Texas Music, Second Edition, offers completely updated entries and features new and expanded coverage of the musicians, ensembles, dance halls, festivals, businesses, orchestras, organizations, and genres that have helped define the state's musical legacy. · More than 850 articles, including almost 400 new entries-**

**255 images, including more than 170 new photos, sheet music art, and posters that lavishly illustrate the text. Appendix with a stage name listing for musicians Supported by an outstanding team of music advisors from across the state, The Handbook of Texas Music, Second Edition, furnishes new articles on the music festivals, museums, and halls of fame in Texas, as well as the many honky-tonks, concert halls, and clubs big and small, that invite readers to explore their own musical journeys. Scholarship on many of the state's pioneering groups and the recording industry and professionals who helped produce and promote their music provides fresh insight into the history of Texas music and its influence far beyond the state's borders. Celebrate the musical tapestry of Texas from A to Z!**

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**You can always recognize a painting by Kahlo because she is in nearly all--with her black braided hair and colorful Mexican outfits. A brave woman who was an invalid most of her life, she transformed herself into a living work of art. As famous for her self-portraits and haunting imagery as she was for her marriage to another famous artist, Diego Rivera, this strong and courageous painter was inspired by the ancient culture and history of her beloved homeland, Mexico. Her paintings continue to inform and inspire popular culture around the world.**

**Illustrated biographies featuring a range of fascinating figures from history (and current figures, too!) provide great information and entertainment through short chapters and illustrations that will appeal to reluctant readers as well as middle readers in general. Simultaneous eBook.**

**What You Need to Lead But Won't Learn in Business School**

**Who Was Abraham Lincoln?**

**Who Was Frida Kahlo?**

**Who Is Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson?**

**Selena**

**Selena Quintanilla Coloring Book**

The murdered Mexican singer's husband shares his recollections and memories of their relationship, both personal and professional, and clarifies certain misconceptions about her life and death.

A Father's Dream: My Family's Journey in Music chronicles the life of a musician, performer, man of God, and successful Mexican American entrepreneur. This is the story of a man who has experienced great joy and even greater pain, but by holding onto the strength embedded in each of us, embracing the love of family, and leaning on his faith in God, he is able to move forward toward the future with a positive disposition. Abraham Quintanilla takes the reader on the journey of his life, a life that reflects the up and down experiences of a self-made success. With a raw emotion and honesty, he shares the

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twists and turns of a road many readers may have been forced to travel and a few others hope never to traverse. From the sublime joys of fatherhood, to the accomplishment of creating a musical empire and surviving its failures, he shares the unexpected life events that make up each of our lives. Every reader will gain a stronger sense of humanity and a deeper understanding of just how precious and fleeting life can be from reading this memoir. Readers will also be given a close and personal view into the behind-the-scenes intricacies of a successful family business. Share the joy a parent feels for their children's success. And most of all, readers will understand the human need to embrace one's own talents. Finally, anyone who picks up this book and reads it will come to know that unforeseen tragedy can and does happen, but with faith and family as our support system, we are able to pick up the pieces of our broken hearts and walk bravely into the future with our newfound hope lighting the way.

The anchorwoman on the top-rated Spanish television magazine reveals details about the life and tragic death of the Latin music superstar, including information about her murderer. Reissue.

You may know that Selena Gomez starred in *Wizards of Waverly Place* and rocks the music world in Selena Gomez & the Scene. But did you know that Selena: • got her big break in show business playing Gianna on *Barney &*

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Friends ? • was named after Latina singer Selena Quintanilla-Pérez? • thought she'd blown her screen test with the Disney Channel—only to be offered the chance to become a major Disney star? Want to know more about the life of this talented celebrity?

Read on to learn all about Selena's childhood, career, best friends, boyfriends, favorite things, and more!

Selena Gomez

The Revealing Story Behind Her Tragic Death

Stay Sexy & Don't Get Murdered

The Sicilian's Obsession

Selena, Latinos, and the Performance of Memory

**In Alagaëesia, a fifteen-year-old boy of unknown lineage called Eragon finds a mysterious stone that weaves his life into an intricate tapestry of destiny, magic, and power, peopled with dragons, elves, and monsters. "There's a lot of text in the book, but it's smartly framed within two-page spreads, and very little of it feels extraneous. ...A worthy picture-book primer on the Queen of Tejano music."-Kirkus Reviews This is a moving and impassioned picture book about the iconic Queen of Tejano music, Selena Quintanilla, that will embolden young readers to find their passion and make the impossible, possible! Selena Quintanilla's music career began at the age of nine when she started singing in her family's band. She went from using a hairbrush as a microphone to traveling from town to town to play gigs. But Selena faced a challenge: People said that she would never make it in Tejano music, which was dominated by male performers. Selena was determined to prove them wrong. Born and raised in Texas, Selena didn't know how**

to speak Spanish, but with the help of her dad, she learned to sing it. With songs written and composed by her older brother and the fun dance steps Selena created, her band, Selena Y Los Dinos, rose to stardom! A true trailblazer, her success in Tejano music and her crossover into mainstream American music opened the door for other Latinx entertainers, and she became an inspiration for Latina girls everywhere.

An outpouring of memorial tributes and public expressions of grief followed the death of the Tejana recording artist Selena Quintanilla Pérez in 1995. The Latina superstar was remembered and mourned in documentaries, magazines, websites, monuments, biographies, murals, look-alike contests, musicals, drag shows, and more. Deborah Paredez explores the significance and broader meanings of this posthumous celebration of Selena, which she labels “Selenidad.” She considers the performer’s career and emergence as an icon within the political and cultural transformations in the United States during the 1990s, a decade that witnessed a “Latin explosion” in culture and commerce alongside a resurgence of anti-immigrant discourse and policy. Paredez argues that Selena’s death galvanized Latina/o efforts to publicly mourn collective tragedies (such as the murders of young women along the U.S.-Mexico border) and to envision a brighter future. At the same time, reactions to the star’s death catalyzed political jockeying for the Latino vote and corporate attempts to corner the Latino market. Foregrounding the role of performance in the politics of remembering, Paredez unravels the cultural, political, and economic dynamics at work in specific commemorations of Selena. She analyzes Selena’s final concert, the controversy surrounding the memorial erected in the star’s

**hometown of Corpus Christi, and the political climate that served as the backdrop to the touring musicals *Selena Forever* and *Selena: A Musical Celebration of Life*. Paredez considers what “becoming” Selena meant to the young Latinas who auditioned for the biopic *Selena*, released in 1997, and she surveys a range of Latina/o queer engagements with Selena, including Latina lesbian readings of the star’s death scene and queer Selena drag. *Selenidad* is a provocative exploration of how commemorations of Selena reflected and changed Latinidad.**