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“A touching mother-daughter reconciliation in a freewheeling road trip narrative.” – **Publishers Weekly**

Agave Blues

Ruthie Marlenée

SECOND EDITION

Sometimes, la sangre atrae, "the blood calls you back," and when Maya gets the call to go back to her agave roots to claim the body of her long-missing father, her world changes forever.

Set against the backdrop of her childhood in Mexico, this is the story of ailing attorney Maya, in a broken relationship and butting heads with her teenage daughter, Lily. Maya swears never to return, but once she sets foot on the mystical grounds, she unearths her family's turbulent history and discovers how Tequila has infused deep secrets that have altered her life, both emotionally and physically.

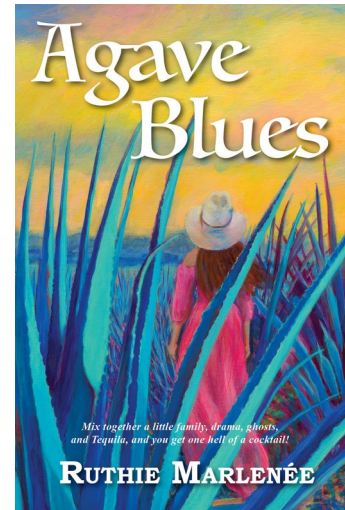
She soon realizes what's missing in her life—magic, mystery, art, unconditional love, and the stories of her past, including the myth her father shared with her about her grandfather, Pancho Villa. The fields seem to heal her and her relationships, so she extends her stay in order to reconnect with her family. But when she encounters the handsome, yet haunted Antonio, a childhood crush resurfaces, only to cause her more grief as she tries to master the art of Tequila.

About the author

Ruthie Marlenée is a Mexican-American novelist, poet and screenwriter living in the desert of the Coachella Valley. Marlenée earned a Writers' Certificate in Fiction from UCLA and is the author of *Isabela's Island*, *Curse of the Ninth*, nominated for a James Kirkwood Literary Prize, *Agave Blues*, which received an Honorable Mention by the International Latino Book Awards for the Isabel Allende Most Inspirational Fiction Book Award. *And Still Her Voice* is her forthcoming novel. Her writing has been nominated twice for the Pushcart Prize. She is a member of Macondo Writers Workshop, Inlandia Institute, Palm Springs Writers Guild, and a WriteGirl Mentor.

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