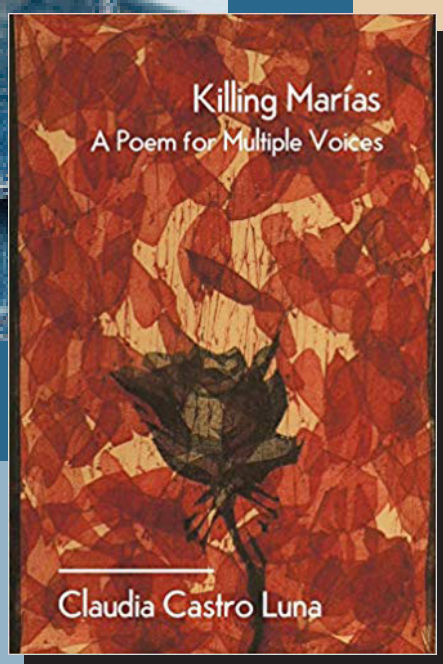


**Washington State's
Poet Laureate
Claudia
Castro Luna**

*Friday,
March 8,
2019*



Workshop, 3:30-5 p.m. in Main, Room 145
Reading, Longview Public Library from 7-8 p.m.

Claudia Castro Luna is Washington State Poet Laureate. She served as Seattle's Civic Poet, from 2015-2017 and is the author of the Pushcart nominated *Killing Mariás* (Two Sylvias Press) and *This City*, (Floating Bridge Press) and the creator of the acclaimed Seattle Poetic Grid. She is also a Hedgebrook and VONA alumna, a 2014 Jack Straw fellow, the recipient of a King County 4Culture grant and an individual artist grant from Seattle's Office of Arts and Culture. Born in El Salvador she came to the United States in 1981. She has an MA in Urban Planning, a teaching certificate and an MFA in poetry. Her poems have appeared in *Poetry Northwest*, *La Bloga*, *Dialogo* and *Psychological Perspectives* among others. Her non-fiction work can be read in several anthologies, among them *This Is The Place: Women Writing About Home*, (Seal Press) Claudia is currently working on a memoir, *Like Water to Drink*, about her experience escaping the civil war in El Salvador. Living in English and Spanish, she writes and teaches in Seattle where she gardens and keeps chickens with her husband and their three children. Since 2009, Claudia maintains *Cipota bajo la Luna*, a blog with reflections, writing and reviews.

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