

# Barbara Perez Marquez

Writer with an MFA in Creative Writing, creator of short stories, children's books, and comics. Also interested in Editorial, Publishing, and Community Engagement.

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## EDUCATION

*Manhattanville College, Purchase, NY*  
*MFA in Creative Writing, Class of 2015*

## PUBLICATIONS

*Baltimore Beat, 2025*  
*"Taciturn", poem*

*Pájaros, lesbianas y queers...¡a volar!: An LGBTQ+ Anthology of Dominican Transnational Writers, 2025*  
*"Playing Pretend", fiction*

*Tell Them of Us Anthology, Dauntless Press, 2024*  
*"Sower's Requiem", comic (writer)*

*The Cardboard Kingdom: Snow and Sorcery, Knopf Books for Young Readers, 2023*  
*Writer and Co-creator, graphic novel*

*Paulina and the Disaster at Pompeii, Capstone, 2023*  
*Writer, graphic novel*

*Animal Rescue Friends: Learning New Tricks, Andrews McMeel Publishing, 2023*  
*Contributing Writer, graphic novel*

*Por La Sombrita, Bottlecap Press, 2023*  
*Writer, chapbook*

*A Hard Shell to Crack, epic!, 2023*  
*Writer, comic*

## AWARDS

**Grants for Artists,**  
Maryland State Arts  
Council, 2025  
**The Mimi Lozano Best  
Family History Book  
(Honorable Mention),**  
International Latino Book  
Awards, 2024  
**CAG Mini Grant, Comics  
Advocacy Group, 2024**  
**Highlandtown  
Write-in-Residence, Yellow  
Arrow Publishing, 2020**  
**Dwayne McDuffie Award  
for Kids' Comics, Ann  
Arbor Comic Arts Festival,  
June 2019**  
**Best Work for Young  
Readers, DiNKy Awards,  
April 2019**  
**Summer Writers' Week  
Fellowship, MFA Program  
in Creative Writing,  
Summer 2013**

*Mx. Nomer, House of Slay Season 2, 2022*

**Writer**, comic

*The Cardboard Kingdom: Roar of the Beast, Knopf Books for Young Readers, 2021*

**Writer and Co-creator**, graphic novel

*The Order of Belfry, Self-published, 2016-2020*

**Writer and Co-creator**, webcomic

*Planetside Anthology, 2019*

**"SPACE VACATION XKC76"**, comic (writer)

*The Cardboard Kingdom, Knopf Books for Young Readers, 2018*

**"The Mad Scientist"**, graphic novel (writer)

*1001 Knights Anthology, 2016*

**"Armor"**, poem

**"Bloody Queen"**, poem

*Heiresses of Atalanta, Buff Babe Zine Vol. 2, 2016*

**"Strength"**, comic (writer)

**"Awakening"**, comic (writer)

*Tinta Extinta, Fall 2014*

**"Al otro lado del llavin"**, fiction

*Graffiti Literary Magazine*

**"Superknot - Issue #1"**, fiction, Spring 2013

**"Stage Presence"**, poem, Spring 2013

**"The Future"**, poem, Spring 2012

**"Brewing Colors"**, poem, Spring 2012

## **PRESENTATIONS**

*Graphic Novel Festival 2025, Baltimore, MD*

**Moderator**, *Business of a Graphic Novel*

*American Library Association 2025, Philadelphia, PA*

**Panelist**, *Humor and Graphic Novels: The Perfect Pairing for Reluctant Readers*

**Panelist**, *GAYSSS IN COMICSSSSS: A Spotlight on LGBTQ+ Empowerment in Comics*

*Graphic Novel Festival 2024, Baltimore, MD*

**Panelist**, *Power of a Graphic Novel*

*It Gets Better Project 2023, Baltimore, MD*

**Panelist**, *Queer Fiction*

*Flame Con 2022, Baltimore, MD*

**Panelist**, *The Rise of Queer Media*

*Baltimore Book Festival 2019, Baltimore, MD*

**Panelist**, *How to Approach Feminism in Work for Teens*

*San Diego Comic Con International 2019, San Diego, CA*

**Panelist**, *The d20 Dames: Building Inclusive Gaming Adventures for All*

**Panelist**, *Queer Latin American Identity and Comics: A Conversation with LGBTQ Comic Creators from Latin America*

*BlerdCon 2019, Washington, DC*

**Panelist**, *Larp 101: A Beginner's Guide to Larping*

*High Level Games (HLG) Con 2018, Atlantic City, NJ*

**Moderator**, *Guests of Honor Keynote: Designing Games in 2018*

*Flame Con 2018, New York, NY*

**Panelist**, *The Subversive Simplicity of Queer Joy*

**Panelist**, *Dungeons & Dragons & Queers & Comics*

**Panelist**, *Telling All-Ages Queer Stories*

**Panelist**, *Invisible Latinx: Flame Con Remix*

*Wicomicon 2018, Baltimore, MD*

**Panelist**, *Just Pick One! Writing at the Intersection of Identities*

**Panelist**, *Latinx in Space*

*Clexacon 2018, Las Vegas, NV*

**Panelist**, *Latinx Representation in the Media: Invisible Latinx – ClexaCon Edition*

*Small Press Expo (SPX) 2017, Bethesda, MD*

**Panelist**, *1001 Knights Roundtable: An Artist Discussion About Work And People Positivity*

*Manhattanville College, Purchase, NY*

**Presenter**, *Undergraduate Research and Creative Achievement Fair:*

*Homosexuality in Ancient Greece and Rome, April 2012*

*Presenter, Residence Life Leadership Conference: Living Life LGBTQ Style, February 2011*

*Presenter, Residence Life Leadership Conference: GSAs & Allyship, February 2010*

## INTERVIEWS & FEATURES

**An Inspired Chat with Barbara Perez Marquez** - Highlight with Voyage Baltimore

**Chatting with comics writer Barbara Perez Marquez** - Interview with ComicsDC

**Meet Barbara Perez Marquez** - Feature, Voyage Baltimore

**Por La Sombrita: A Conversation with Barbara Perez Marquez** - Interview with Melissa Nunez

**PREVIEW: "Mx. Nomer" begins in this week's HOUSE OF SLAY** - Feature, The Beat

**Inside the Book: Barbara Perez Marquez (co-author of THE CARDBOARD KINGDOM)** - Video Feature, Penguin Random House

**A Year of Free Comics: THE ORDER OF BELFRY introduces lady knights who fight battles & make out** - Feature, The Beat

**Interview with Chad Sell and Barbara Perez Marquez** - Interview with GeeksOUT

**Chad Sell and Team Take Readers to The Cardboard Kingdom** - Interview with Comicosity

**How Eleven Creators in Nine Different Cities Came Together to Make One Book** - Interview with Electric Lit

**Ladies' Knights: Barbara Perez and M.J. Barros On Creating A Safe Space For Queer Women In 'The Order of Belfry'** - Interview with Comics Alliance

**Female Creators Project** - Interview by Ashley Bles