

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.

EDUCATION

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

PUBLICATIONS

*Baltimore Beat, 2025
"Taciturn", poem*

*Pájaros, lesbianas y queers...ja 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*

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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 llavín", 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 COMICSSSS: 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