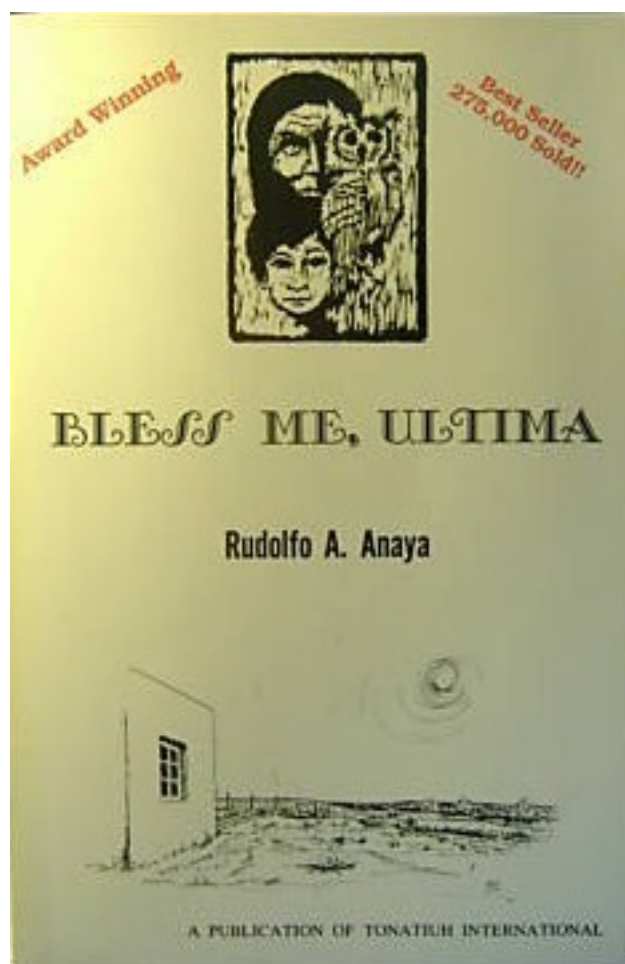


University of California, Merced
School of Social Sciences, Humanities and Arts

Chicano/a Literature Series



PRESENTS:

BANNED IN NEWMAN, CA!!

Monday, February 23, 2009
4:00-5:00 p.m.

**BOBCAT LAIR (KL 169)
UC Merced**

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

In response to complaints from one parent, the Newman-Crows Landing Board of Education has recently voted 4 to 1 to remove Rudolfo A. Anaya's award-winning novel *Bless Me, Ultima* (1972) from the sophomore required reading list at Orestimba High School. Anaya's novel had been part of the sophomore curriculum at Orestimba High School for more than a decade.

Rudolfo A. Anaya's *Bless Me, Ultima* was spotlighted on former First Lady Laura Bush's must-read list, and is also the literature selection for this year's state high school Academic Decathlon competition. The novel is the subject of numerous academic articles, books, theses, and dissertations, and it was the first Chicano/a best-seller. *Bless Me, Ultima* is taught this year at UC Merced as part of the required readings for Literature 168.

CATHERINE QUITMEYER (Chairwoman of the Orestimba High School English Department), and **ANDRE POWELL** (English teacher at Orestimba High School) will discuss the events leading to the removal of Anaya's *Bless Me, Ultima* from the sophomore curriculum at their school.

For information on forthcoming events, please contact the Series organizer, Dr. Manuel M. Martín-Rodríguez, mmartin-rodriguez@ucmerced.edu

16th event in the series