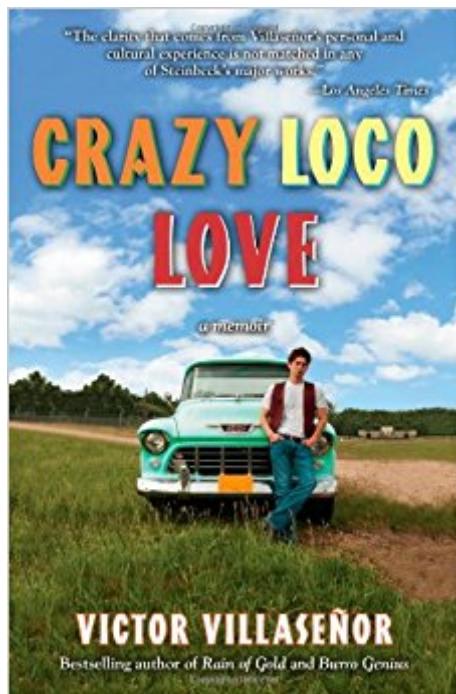


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# Crazy Loco Love: A Memoir



## Synopsis

Growing up on his parents' ranch in North San Diego County, Victor Villaseñor's teenage years were marked by a painful quest to find a place for himself in a world he did not fit into. Discriminated due to his Mexican heritage, Victor questions the tenets of his faith and the restrictions it places on his own spirituality and sexuality. Ultimately, his search for identity takes him to Mexico to learn of his family's roots, where he soon discovers that his heritage doesn't determine his intelligence or success. Through this often humorous and poignant tale, Victor deftly undermines the macho stereotype so often associated with Latinos, while exposing the tender vulnerability and naivety of a young man grappling with the roles foisted on him by the church and society. Victor's youthful misadventures elicit sympathy, laughter, and tears as he attempts to divine the mysteries of the opposite sex in this powerful, revealing memoir. "The clarity that comes from Villaseñor's personal and cultural experience is not matched in any of Steinbeck's major works" (Los Angeles Times).

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--San Diego Union-Tribune"Villaseñor writes honestly about his awkward moments--Brimming with hyperbole and New Age spiritual directives [his] coming-of-age story should inspire those following in his footsteps." --Booklist --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Victor Villaseñor is an acclaimed, Mexican-American writer best known for the New York Times bestselling novel *Rain of Gold*. He has been nominated for the Pulitzer Prize, and *Crazy Loco Love* was chosen as the Best Biography in English at the 2009 International Latino Book Awards.

I love this author!!! This book is great reading for all, but especially for males - whether fathers or sons. He is so honest and blunt and yet seeks to find meaning in all that he has experienced. I made my husband read it and he couldn't put it down. There is so much to ponder for fathers and their own relationships with their sons. Would recommend this book to all. His unique style of writing flows through all of his books. For those who are familiar with this style, you will feel like you are welcoming back a new friend. And for those who aren't, get ready to experience a simple, yet profound style that sets Villasenor apart from all other authors. Don't read to critic this book, just read and enjoy the ride!

What first caught my attention about *Crazy Loco Love* was that it was a book about a teen from a strict religious upbringing dealing with raging hormones. This situation I could relate well, being a Mormon! What I found was this and so much more! This book had me riveted from beginning to end. The mysteries and characters Victor encountered had me hungry to find out what would happen next. And the discoveries he made opened up for me a whole new understanding of my faith. Yes, at times it was explicit, but in ways that were so true!

I thoroughly enjoyed Victor Villasenor's book, *Crazy Loco Love*. His memoir was inspirational and his spiritual journey was one I could connect with. I now purchased *Rain of Gold*. I'm hooked on Victor's writing style and content.

I am now a huge fan of Victor Villaseñor!! His books are nothing less than inspiring. The first book I read was *Burro* and I was hooked. A good friend recommended Victor's books to me and I'm glad he did. Victor Villaseñor is a genius at painting a picture with his writing.

This book was so good, I am now reading it to my three sons so that they may grasp some of the life lessons Villasenor had to learn. I enjoyed this book a great deal and would HIGHLY recommend it to others. I am glad my Too Jerry recommended it to me! I hope you enjoy it as much as I did!

Culturally and intellectually stimulating writer. Victor's life, dreams, goals, morals and values are illustrated through the choice of words in this book. What a fun read full of emotion and excitement.

I belong to a book club and probably wouldn't have picked this book on my own....however, it was a fantastic choice! This book gives you a real roller coaster ride through the young life of Victor Villasenor, sometimes I hated it, most of the time I loved it!

It is a great book for teenagers boys to learn about life or what advice a father can give to his young son. I am 73 way past that age.

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