



Border Arts Network Artist Spotlight

Telling the stories of the Border.

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Bio

C. (Carlos) Osvaldo Gomez, M.Ed, M.A., was born in Delicias, Chihuahua, Mexico in 1976. He currently teaches science to some of the coolest 8th graders in the world. When Mr. Gomez isn't busy helping teens, he spends time writing works of fiction and non-fiction, cycling around North SD county, and with his wife and kids.

Interview

1) *How does your home state influence your art?*

Most of the stories I write take place in urban settings both in Northern and Southern California. There is no other state in the U.S. like California, and its diversity, both politically and ethnically, leads people to live interesting experiences.

2) *What inspires you to create?*

I am inspired by the struggles and challenges of everyday people.

3) *What is your art? Literary? Music? Drawing, painting, sketching? Photography? Film? Or other?*

I write both fiction and non-fiction works.

4) *Which creators influence you?*

Kurt Vonnegut, John Steinbeck, and Orwell.

5) *How is your art (or art in general) important to society in the border states??*

I write creatively about immigration, and those affected by the harsh reality of having to migrate. I also write about the children of immigrants and their unique experiences as minorities.

6) *Is there a specific purpose for your art?*

To give the downtrodden and weary a voice.

7) *Are there other artists that you collaborate with, network, or recommend?*

Not at the moment.

8) *Do you have a "real" job or is your creative work your fulltime gig?*

I'm an 8th grade science teacher.

9) *Do you collaborate with other artists/creators?*

Not at the moment.

10) *Tell us about an upcoming project you are working on currently?*

I am working on another short story collection involving people's lives as they intersect at a high school in California.

Additional info: You can find me at Twitter: @COsvaGomez or at Amazon:
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