

## THE DEPARTMENT OF HISPANIC & ITALIAN STUDIES PRESENTS A LECTURE AND READING BY AUTHOR

## CARMEN AGUIRRE

Winner of CBC Canada Reads 2012

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 2012 12:30-1:20 p.m. University Centre, Room A180

A Vancouver-based theatre artist who has worked extensively in North and South America, Carmen Aguirre has written and co-written twenty plays, including Chile Con Carne, The Trigger, and The Refugee Hotel. Her first book, Something Fierce: Memoirs of a Revolutionary Daughter was recently published by Douglas & McIntyre in Canada and Granta/Portobello in The United Kingdom, and is currently being translated into Finnish and Dutch. Something Fierce was nominated for the B.C. National Award for Canadian Non-Fiction, the international Charles Taylor Prize for Literary Non-Fiction, was selected by The Globe and Mail, Quill & Quire, and The National Post as one of the best books of 2011, was named Book of the Week by BBC Radio in the United Kingdom, won CBC Canada Reads 2012, and is currently #1 on The Globe and Mail's national bestseller list. Carmen has over sixty film, tv, and stage acting credits, is a Theatre of the Oppressed workshop facilitator, and an instructor in the acting department at the Vancouver Film School. She received The Union of B.C. Performers' Lorena Gale Woman of Distinction Award in 2011, and has been nominated for The Jessie Richardson Theatre Award, The Dora Mavor Moore Award, and the prestigious Siminovitch Prize. Carmen is a graduate of Studio 58.

## A Book Signing Will Follow

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