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About the Author

Guillermo Gómez-Peña is a post-Mexican performance artist, writer, activist and pedagogue. He is the author of ten books including Ethno Techno and Dangerous Border Crossers, both published by Routledge. His legendary performance pieces include "Border Brujo" (1988), "Couple in the Cage" (1992), "The Crucifiction project" (1994), "El Mexterminator" (1987-88) and the Mapa/Corpo series (2004–2008). He is founder of the San Francisco-based art collective La Pocha Nostra.

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