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This book is published by Floricanto Press. Trouble always came for "Champagne" Sánchez...this time, the law was on trouble's side. Whether it is his attempts to make a living selling fireworks, vacuum cleaners or burritos, things can, and do, go terribly wrong. "The Fall and Rise of 'Champagne' Sánchez," is a fast-paced modern narrative, set in Albuquerque, New Mexico. It is a "rags to riches to rejection to redemption" story. The witness to Champagne's Fall is his cousin, the street-smart newspaper reporter, Adelita Chávez. The chronicler not only of the struggles of her cousin, but the scribe of her own observations of life around her (in the form of 'Journal Entries'); she writes of the pain of watching her mother deal with breast cancer and describes characters in the barrio from Doña Mariluz to Magdalena Moya.

"If you enjoy reading a story with authentic characters and a brilliant narrative style then I highly recommend "The Rise and Fall of Champagne Sánchez." —Rudolfo Anaya (Author -"Bless Me. Última,""Heart of Aztlan" and Alburquerque)

"A vivid and, lively and compelling tale of life in Albuquerque's barrio. Rudy J. Miera knows his subject inside out and his characters are rich, colorful and complex. I was hooked with the first chapter." —Alan Arkin (Academy Award, Best Supporting Actor – "Little Miss Sunshine." Author – "An Improvised Life.") "Reading Rudy J. Miera's prose is like eating the best carne adobada burrito on 4th Street. This book gives us the urban Chicano experience in all its rasquache exuberance." —David Richard Jones (Founding Artistic Director of the Vortex Theatre, Professor Emeritus, UNM Department of English.)

"Rudy's art form speaks of, and through, Spirit. His use of metaphors emphasizes the language both in word, and in soul, of the Chicano community." —Gloria Zamora (Author- "Sweet Nata.")

"Long before 'Breaking Bad' and crystal meth, a collection of colorful characters lead by 'Champagne' Sánchez takes us into the upside down world of Albuquerque, New Mexico in the seventies ... Drugs, politics, a little magic and the prison system line up with love, ambition, government corruption, practical wisdom and a little Zen and spiritual awakening...." —Joan Tewkesbury (Screenwriter- Academy Award-Nominated Nashville, etc., Director- The Acorn People.

A native New Mexican, Rudy J. Miera was born in Albuquerque, grew up in the North Valley .Rudy's Screenplays have placed in competitions (the Lone Star Competition, Cyclone Productions, etc.), and his poetry has been published in: "Chiricú," "New Kauri," "Very Large Array," "Voices From the Outside," "The Albuquerque Tribune," etc. His essays have appeared in: "The Voice" (National Writing Project), "English Journal," "Narratives," "The Corrales Comment," "La Herencia," etc. Other Dramatic works that Rudy has written and had produced include: "Día de Los Muertos" (KiMo Theater), "Valz Con La Muerte" (touring show), and he has been the musical director for several plays at the National Hispanic Cultural Center, including Bless Me, Última and The Farolitos of Christmas" (both by Rudolfo Anaya). www.FloricantoPress.com



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