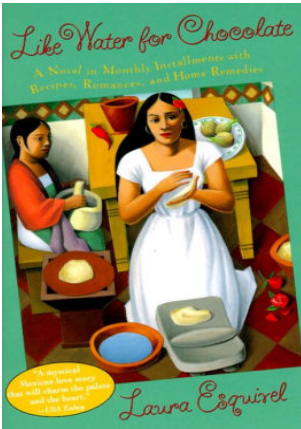


# SUMMER ASSIGNMENT

IB English III – Mrs. Cording



## *Like Water for Chocolate*

By Laura Esquivel

(originally written in Spanish; translated by Carol and Thomas Christensen)

Random House 1995

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- Before you read, find a *credible* site on literature and read about “magic (or magical) realism.” As you read the novel, quickly mark those passages where Esquivel has used this technique. You may use a highlighter, pencil, pen, sticky notes, or any other method of marking the relevant passages.
- Finally, you must bring a special recipe on the first day of school. This must be a recipe you have eaten and connect in your mind to a *specific* memory, good or bad. **RECIPES ARE DUE ON DAY 1 OF CLASS.** Try to write it on a recipe card or index card if you have one, but notebook paper is fine, too. At the end of the recipe (or on the back), write your name plus a *single adjective* to describe the emotion that is central to this memory. You may use only one word and it must be in adjective form. Strive for the most *precise* adjective you can find; while “happy” “sad” “angry” are indeed adjectives, they are general and a bit dull. You can do better! 😊
- **A 100-POINT READING QUIZ WILL BE GIVEN ON DAY 3 OF ENGLISH CLASS.** The quiz will consist of 15-25 multiple choice questions plus an essay based on your understanding of the novel as a whole.