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“Maria Mendoza Cervantes is a Poetry major Fiction minor transfer student mother of two wife of Otto-san. No commas needed.”

Maria Mendoza Cervantes is a transfer student completing her BA in Creative Writing-Poetry with a minor in Fiction at Columbia College Chicago. Her writing focuses on the intricacies of her familial relationships after her Mexican parent’s divorce. She is also the co-host of *Laundry Series*, a Chicago podcast that talks about the experience of growing up in Chicago as a person of color.

What is your favorite book?

The Death of Artemio Cruz by Carlos Fuentes

What’s the last show you binge-watched?

The Mindy Project.

Briefly describe how you got into writing.

Music was the stairway, At The Drive In was the gate, Cedrix Bixler-Zavala was the deity.

Which fictional character do you wish was your best friend?

Jing-mei (June) Woo, so we can keep each other’s heads up.

Are you a coffee, tea, or juice person? Why?

Water, because Water Is Life.

What do you wish you were doing right now?

My homework. . . .Wait, does this count as homework?

What’s your ideal reading (or writing) spot?

A place where nobody knows my name.

Whose music are you listening to these days?

Aaliyah, Duetto Hermanos Salgado, Kanye West

Name one random fact about yourself.

Ambiguous metaphors is the form I use when translating life.