

[Abajo está una Reseña de Libro de una novela de vampiras, "Fledgeling" - como pichón - por la escritora Octavia Butler]

If you are bored by mainstream culture's vampire obsession but somehow, against all odds, still find the vampire myth an alluring one, please, read Octavia Butler's novel *Fledgling* and talk to me about it. I seriously could not put it down. While popular hits such as Stephanie Meyer's *Twilight* series, television's "True Blood," and others have used the myth as a platform for, variously, a creepy fixation on moonlit paleness, an (if possible) even more creepy glorification of emotionally abusive relationship models as the height of romance, and a whole catalogue of sex negativity, Butler reclaims vampires for more compelling explorations of power, race, and sexuality.

*Fledgling* tells the story of Shori, who appears to be a young black girl but who is actually a member of an ancient race known (to a few) as the Ina-- who, we learn, are the beings upon

whom humanity's vampire myths are based. Shori is also the sole survivor of an act of violence that has destroyed the rest of her family. She has very little memory of her past, but eventually learns that her family was targeted by another group of Ina attempting to put an end to their efforts to protect the Ina from their only real danger: the sun. Shori has to reclaim her Ina heritage and her family's vision in order to face down her enemies and save her people from destruction.

Butler's re-imagining of vampire culture-- especially their complex and passionate relationships with humans-- engages with gender, sexuality, and intimacy in ways that other works in the genre can't hope to match, and her critical connection of race with the myth is both original and compelling-- as far as I know she is the only writer to have anything interesting to say on the subject.

If *Fledgling* has a flaw, it is that it is too engaging: it leaves the reader wanting more. Published in 2005, only a year before the author's death, it may have been intended as the first in a series. But even as

a stand-alone novel, *Fledgling* is a fascinating and thought-provoking read.

I love to talk about books! Please send questions and other responses to: [oktavian@riseup.net](mailto:oktavian@riseup.net).

## What we baked! El pan de la semana

### Half Wheat / Pan Medio-Integral de Levadura Natural (840g)

Water (39%), OG Whole wheat bread flour (29%), OG Unbleached bread flour (29%), Canola oil (3%), NC Honey (1%), Salt.

### Whole Wheat/ Pan Integral (840g)

OG Whole wheat bread flour (55%), Water (36%), Canola Oil (3%), NC Honey (3%), OG fair-trade molasses (1%), Salt, Yeast.

### Artisan Bread with Applesauce and Oatmeal / Pan Artesanal con Manzana y Avena (735g)

Organic whole wheat bread flour (51%), Water (26%), NC Applesauce (14%), Organic

oatmeal (3%), oats + water), Organic oats (3%), Canola Oil, Salt, Cinnamon, Yeast.

### Gluten-Free Bread / Pan Sin Gluten (800g)

Water (41%), OG brown rice flour (15%), OG millet flour (11%), OG potato starch (10%), Cornstarch (9%), OG tapioca flour (7%), NC honey (4%), Salt, canola oil, yeast, guar gum.

### Zucchini Muffins / Mufines de Calabacita (450g/6)

OG ww pastry flour (28%), NC zucchini (27%), NC honey (21%), Organic Raisins (9%), Canola oil (9%), Pecans (5%), Baking powder, Baking Soda, Water, Cinnamon, Flaxseeds, Salt, Nutmeg.

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¿Como enlazan estos puntos con la soberanía alimentaria, con la visión de la panadería, y con la vida tuyo? ¿Qué piensas? ¡Escribe o dibuja tus ideas y marcha con nosotros este Sábado!

Season 8, Week 8  
February 6, 2012 - 12:00PM

Happy Birthday to us! This marks the week that we got our name, 2 years ago! / ¡Feliz Cumple a nosotros! Esta es la semana en que nos nombramos 'Bread Uprising', 2 años atrás.

Saturday is HKonJ, a big march in Raleigh and we are marching with bread! Come march with us - let us know if you can come! / Sábado es la marcha HKonJ en Raleigh, y imarchamos con pan! ¡Marcha con nosotros - dínos si puedes venir!

We are having a special bakeday next Monday for Valentines' day - please help spread the word if you can! / Tenemos un día especial en la panadería el Lunes el 13 de Febrero - corre la voz si puedes!

Inside: more info about HKonJ, and a book review from Zach! / Al dentro: más información sobre HKonJ, y una reseña de libro por Zach!

## 14 PUNTOS DE LA AGENDA DE HKonJ

1. Todos los niños necesitan acceso a escuelas públicas de alta calidad, propiamente financiadas y diversas
2. Salarios competitivos para los trabajadores de bajos ingresos
3. Seguro de Salud para Todos
4. Reparación de los capítulos de la historia racista de Carolina del Norte: El derrocamiento del gobernador de Wilmington em 1898, la esterilización de mujeres pobres, principalmente de raza negra de 1947-1977; La masacre del Ku Klux Klan en Greensboro en 1979
5. Votación en el mismo día y el ! nanciamiento público para elecciones
6. Mejorar todos los HBCU
7. Documento / Reparación de 200 años de discriminación del Estado en las reglas de laboral
8. Proporcionar vivienda asequible y detener el abuso al consumidor
9. Abolir sentencias de muerte decretadas por inclinaciones raciales / Sentencias mandatorias
10. Promover la justicia ambiental
11. Negociaciones colectiva para empleados públicos
12. Proteger los derechos de los inmigrantes
13. Organizar, fortalecer y proveer fondos para nuestras agencias de derechos civiles y fortalecer nuestros Estatutos legales.
14. Traer a nuestras tropas de Irak

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1. All Children Need High Quality, Well Funded, Constitutional, Diverse Public Schools
2. Livable Wages for Low Income Workers
3. Health Care for All
4. Redress Ugly Chapters in NC's Racist History: The overthrow of 1898 Wilmington Government; the Sterilization of Poor, mainly Black Women from 1947-1977; Greensboro Ku Klux Klan Massacre of 1979
5. Same Day Voting and Public Financing of Elections
6. Lift Every HBCU
7. Document/Redress 200 years of State Discrimination in Hiring/Contracting
8. Provide Affordable Housing and Stop Consumer Abuse
9. Abolish Racially Biased Death Penalty/Mandatory Sentencing
10. Promote Environmental Justice
11. Collective Bargaining for Public Employees
12. Protect the rights of Immigrants
13. Organize, Strengthen and Provide Funding for our Civil Rights Enforcement Agencies and Strengthen our Statutes Now.
14. Bring Our Troops Home From Iraq