

# Irreversible Damage

## The Katie Suarez Social Justice Series

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### Author Bio



Born in Mexico City, JL attended university at UNAM, one of the oldest and most prestigious universities on the continent. Relocating to the U.S. as a young man, he experienced the unique challenges and opportunities of a Mexican immigrant. He observed similar experiences by other immigrants as well as witnessed the life and perspective of countless U.S.-born Mexican-Americans.

With hard work and dedication, he became a highly respected dentist, researcher, and educator. Author of the textbook *Supragingival Minimally Invasive Dentistry* (Wiley-Blackwell), he has also published many research papers and clinical articles on adhesive and esthetic dentistry. Ruiz regularly lectures at all major dental meetings, nationally and internationally. He has been named one of the 50 Top Leaders in Dental Education in America.

JL enjoys a clientele of many stars and entertainers and has made numerous television appearances for his dental expertise, including NBC and ABC News, *Good Morning America* & *Vista LA*, VH1, Telemundo and Univision. A lover of history, psychology, and culture, his socially charged novels offer a fresh understanding of how historical events shape the present and the future.

### Named Finalist in 3 categories for the INTERNATIONAL LATINO BOOK AWARDS

In this first book of a series on contemporary social justice activism, Katie, the youngest daughter of two Mexican-American lawyers, has lived a sheltered upbringing in a wealthy Paradise Valley neighborhood of Phoenix. Life there never prepared her for the upheaval and tragedy that was to surround her and many of her loved ones. Katie learns that changes affecting her life were instigated by forces and people far removed from her, and whose greed for political and financial gain means more to them than the lives they sacrificed along the way.

Motivated by these events and armed with the understanding that history shapes the present and will shape the future, Katie, surrounded by loyal friends, becomes a social activist whose ultimate achievement changes the lives and the future of hundreds of thousands of people whose wish is to have a small slice of the American dream.

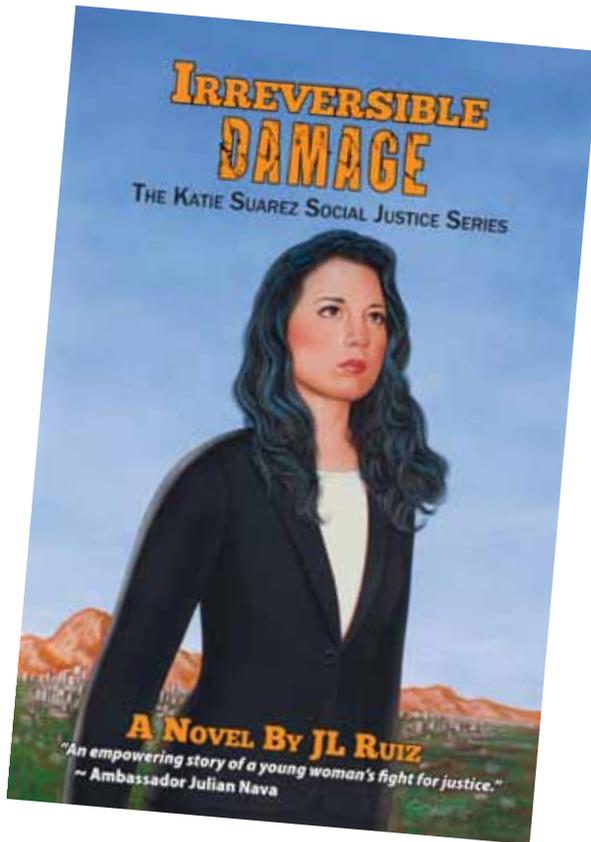
### PRAISE FOR ... *Irreversible Damage*

*"An empowering story of a young woman's fight for justice."*  
—Ambassador Julian Nava

*"A timely and poignant novel about a young Latina's courage, about personal growth and following your heart no matter how costly it may be"*  
—Kim Chavez, LA Plaza de Cultura y Artes

*"Fascinating story, with so many important historical facts interwoven into it, this is an eye opener!"*  
—Jerry Velasco, Mayor Pro Tem, City of El Monte

*"Heartfelt, compelling and inspirational, combines intriguing storytelling with the major, present and past issues, facing our Mexican American community in the U. S. An important story about our people."*  
—Mike Gomez, Actor



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