

## *Lauren Montoya*

People always say show me who your friends are and I'll show you who you are. Well, I guess the best way to know who I am is through the eyes of my friends. This is me, according to them: the pinstriped, punk revolutionary who is intelligent, modern, critical, funny, driven, intimidating, strong, feminist, presentable, loving, athletic, cynical, willing, hard-working, stubborn, sarcastic, wild, outspoken, busy, kool, loquacious, provocative, resilient, flaming, punctual (sort of), a jerk (every now and then), perfectionist, short, weird, grammar nazi, and, of course, genuine.

Now, this is my interpretation: I am not the person you perceive me to be, so don't judge me until you know me. I am the girl who doesn't back down without a fight, who will stand up for what she believes in, and is a riotgrrrl at heart. The girl that goes against the grain, that wears the color black like there is no tomorrow. I always have a camera to document moments in time and I am different and love the title. The girl who can't figure out what she wants to do in life so she just might do everything: a comedian, a teacher, that one chick on the Real World, a video blogger, and maybe even a pirate. I'm nowhere near perfect; even though, I try to be, but I can assure you that I'm the greatest person you will ever meet.