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## ALEJANDRO HEREDIA

### *You're the Only Friend I Need*

#### PRAISE

"This is a stunning debut from Alejandro! These riveting queer stories sit with the complexity of heartbreak and romance, holding contradictions that push us to think and feel anew. These pages and the rich characters that populate them are a breath of fresh air. I can't wait to see what Alejandro does next!"

**Travis Alabanza**

Author of *Before I Step Outside (you love me)*

"Alejandro Heredia writes gorgeously. His voice elevates the queer poetry of the vernacular while his prose leaves fingerprints on your brain and heart. He will give you all the feels in Spanglish."

**Myriam Gurba**

2019 Gold Line Press Fiction Chapbook Contest Judge

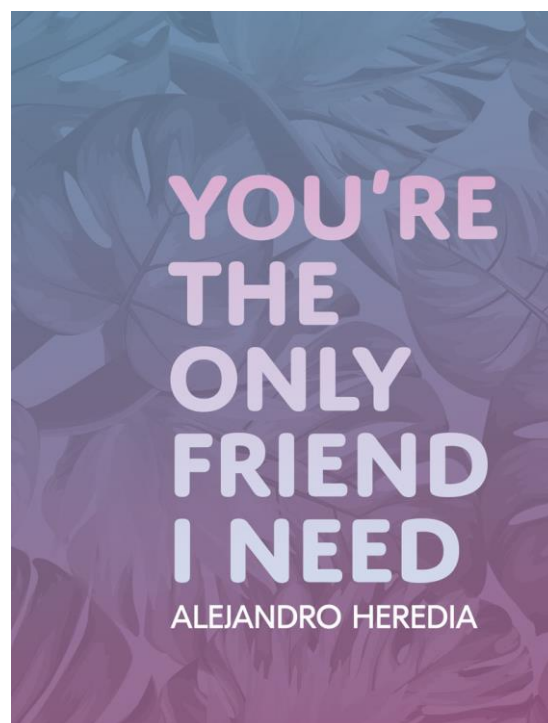
#### ABOUT THE CHAPBOOK

The stories in Alejandro Heredia's *You're the Only Friend I Need* offer new possibilities for transnational storytelling and the Dominican diaspora by centering Blackness and queerness. In these stories, friendship is a vehicle to understand what lies between and within people. A young Dominican immigrant makes an unlikely friend in her Bronx building. Two queer teens venture into the streets of Santo Domingo in search of queer belonging. A 20-something lost in existential thought finds a home in a gay Latin club.

In Heredia's stories, friendship is at once balm, poison, wound, and respite from the troubles that society places on migrants, on queer people, on Black folks across the diaspora. *You're the Only Friend I Need* cuts through received notions and sings with emotional honesty and lyrical prose.



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