

# 'Jane the Virgin's' Gina Rodriguez is "The Next Big Thing!"

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The CW is giving audiences a more "Telenova" feel this fall season with their new comedy, *Jane the Virgin*.

The show is set to center on Jane (Gina Rodriguez), who is a young and devout woman that discovers she is pregnant through artificial insemination.

What makes this plot even crazier is the fact that Jane is still a *virgin*.



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This family-oriented comedy follows the young woman through her pregnancy, as she deals with her carefree mother, Xiomara and traditional grandmother Alba.

However, before Gina Rodriguez made it on to the scene, she was just like any other young actress trying to make a name for herself.

She appeared in minor American television and movie roles such as *Law Order*, *Filly Brown*, the *Mentalist* and most recently *The Bold and the Beautiful*.

Rodriguez has made it a point to only take on roles that she is proud to portray.

In a recent interview with The Hollywood Reporter (<http://www.hollywoodreporter.com/live-feed/jane-virgins-gina-rodriguez-wants-726918>), Rodriguez said, "I felt very limited by the opportunities I had in Hollywood to play the maid, the pregnant teen, the drug addict. Those all exist, but they all exist in every ethnicity and culture. I wanted to tell stories that showed little girls because when I was younger, I didn't see us in *Casablanca* and these phenomenal movies that told the human story."



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The Hollywood Reporter has also labeled the rising star as "The Next Big Thing in Hollywood" and listed her as one of the "Top 35 Latinos under 35."

Rodriguez has also mentioned personal challenges that she's had to overcome.

At 19-years-old the actress was diagnosed with thyroid disease, which caused her to gain weight and hurt her confidence.


On defeating the obstacle she said, "I had to look at myself and overcome the idea that I was limited by what God gave me. When I was freed from that, I was capable of *anything* because I wasn't limited by this mentality that stopped me before even trying." (The Hollywood Reporter (<http://www.hollywoodreporter.com/live-feed/jane-virgins-gina-rodriguez-wants-726918>))

With a winning personality like that, Rodriguez is sure to win over fans with her new hit show.

Make sure to watch the season premiere of Jane the Virgin right here on The CW starting October 13th at 9 p.m.

Also be sure to like Jane the Virgin ([https://www.facebook.com/cwjanevirgin/timeline?ref=page\\_internal](https://www.facebook.com/cwjanevirgin/timeline?ref=page_internal)) on Facebook!

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