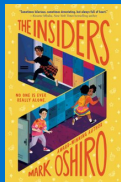


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The Insiders  
Mark Oshiro

Twelve-year-old Héctor Muñoz, fleeing from bullies, discovers a magical closet that not only provides him sanctuary, but also unites him with two other kids facing similar problems at their own schools, helping them find friendship and strength in each other.

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OTHE, E



Sofia Acosta Makes a Scene  
Emma Otheguy

Sofia Acosta, a fifth grader trying to fit into her ballet-obsessed Cuban American family and her affluent suburban New York community, learns to speak up for herself and others when she mistakenly reveals a visiting dancer's plan to defect to the United States.

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VALE, K



Lotería  
Karla Arenas Valenti

In Oaxaca City, Mexico, ancient friends Life and Death discuss free will while engaged in a game of chance, with eleven-year-old Clara as the protagonist of their theories and a pawn in their game, moving inevitably towards her ultimate fate.

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VOUR, S



Nuestra América: 30 Inspiring Latinas/Latinos Who Have Shaped the United States  
Sabrina Vourvoulias

Published in association with the Smithsonian Institution and the Molina Family Latino Gallery, a celebration of 30 of history's most influential Latinas and Latinos shares the uplifting stories of subjects ranging from Pura Belpré and César Chávez to Jennifer Lopez and Sonia Sotomayor.

## MORE HISPANIC/LATINO AMERICAN

### "OWN VOICES" BOOKS:

Carmela Full of Wishes\* | P De La Peña

Mango, Abuela, and Me\* | P Medina

Where Are You From?\* | P Méndez

My Papi Has a Motorcycle\* | P Quintero

My Singing Nana | POR Mora

Lola Levine Is Not Mean! | YF Brown

Stella Díaz Has Something to Say

| YF Dominguez

The Epic Fail of Arturo Zamora\*

| J Cartaya

Us, in Progress: Short Stories About

Young Latinos | J Delacre

Lupe Wong Won't Dance | J Higuera

The First Rule of Punk\* | J Pérez

Isla to Island | JGN Castellanos

Red Panda & Moon Bear | JGN Rossello

\*Book is also available in Spanish

## Recommended Reads Hispanic/Latino American "Own Voices" Books



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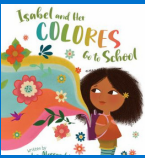
"Own Voices" is a phrase used to indicate that the author shares the same marginalized/under-represented identity as the book's character(s).

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ALES, A

### Isabel and Her Colores Go to School

Alexandra Alessandri

English just feels wrong to Isabel. She prefers her native Spanish. As she prepares for a new school, she knows she's going to have to learn. Her first day is uncomfortable, until she employs her crayons and discovers there's more than one way to communicate with new friends.

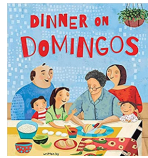


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KATO, A

### Dinner on Domingos

Alexandra Katona

Warm memories wash over a first-generation Latinx American girl as she experiences a typical Sunday night dinner at her Abuelita's house. As Alejandra thinks about all the good times her family has had there, she decides that she wants to be brave and try speaking Spanish with Abuelita so that they can deepen their bond.



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DOMI, A

### Definitely Dominguita: Knight of the Cape

Terry Catasús Jennings

All Dominguita wants to do is read the books that Abuela gave to her before she moved away. One of her favorites tells of a brave knight who tries to do good deeds and Dominguita decides that she will become a knight. And when the class bully tells Dominguita that girls can't be knights, she is determined to prove him wrong.



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DIAZ, L

### Paletero Man

Lucky Diaz

Follow along with our narrator as he passes through his busy neighborhood in search of the Paletero Man. But when he finally catches up with him, our narrator's pockets are empty. Oh no! What happened to his dinero? It will take the help of the community to get the tasty treat now.

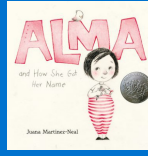


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MART, J

### Alma and How She Got Her Name\*

Juana Martinez-Neal

When Alma Sofia Esperanza José Pura Candela asks her father why she has so many names, she hears the story of her name and learns about her grandparents.



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CISN, E

### Falling Short

Ernesto Cisneros

This year, star basketball player Isaac plans on finally keeping up with his schoolwork. Better grades will surely stop Isaac's parents from arguing all the time. Meanwhile, straight-A Marco vows on finally winning his father's approval by earning a spot on the school's basketball team. But will their friendship and support for each other be enough to keep the two boys from falling short?

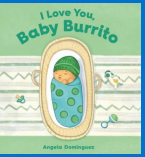


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DOMI, A

### I Love You, Baby Burrito

Angela Dominguez

From Pura Belpre honoree Angela Dominguez, Love You Baby Burrito is a modern classic picture book celebrating the act of swaddling a newborn into a baby burrito.

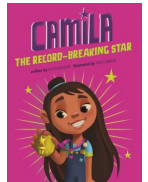


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SALA, A

### Camila the Record-Breaking Star

Alicia Salazar

Camila dreams of being a star and, after learning about children who break world records, decides she will do the same--but how?



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HIGU, D

### The Last Cuentista

Donna Barba Higuera

Petra Pena, who wanted nothing more than to be a storyteller, like her abuelita. But Petra's world is ending. Earth has been destroyed by a comet, and only a few hundred scientists and their children - among them Petra and her family - have been chosen to journey to a new planet. Hundreds of years later, Petra wakes to the discovery that she is the only person who remembers Earth.

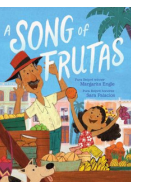


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ENGL, M

### A Song of Frutas\*

Margarita Engle

While visiting her abuelo in Cuba, a young girl helps him sell frutas, singing the name of each fruit as they walk, and after she returns to the United States, they exchange letters made of abrazos--hugs.

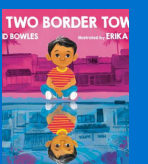


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BOWL, D

### My Two Border Town

David Bowles

A boy and his father cross the United States-Mexico border every other Saturday, visiting their favorite places, spending time with family and friends, and sharing in the responsibility of community care.



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MEDI, M

### Merci Suárez Changes Gears\*

Meg Medina

Thoughtful, strong-willed sixth-grader Merci Suarez navigates difficult changes with friends, family, and everyone in between in a resonant new novel from Meg Medina.

