Pura Belpré Award
for outstanding children’s literature by Latino creators

The Pura Belpré Award, established in 1996, is presented to a Latino/Latina writer and illustrator whose work best portrays, affirms, and celebrates the Latino cultural experience in an outstanding work of literature for children and youth.

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1998:
*Parrot in the Oven: Mi Vida*
by Victor Martinez
(author medal)
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*Snapshots from the Wedding*
by Gary Soto,
illustrated by Stephanie Garcia
(illustrator medal)
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1996:
*An Island Like You: Stories of the Barrio*
by Judith Ortiz Cofer
(author medal)
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*Chato’s Kitchen*
by Gary Soto,
illustrated by Susan Guevara
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*Please note that while this award is now given annually, it was previously given as a biennial award from 1996 through 2008.*

See ALA website for honorable mentions:
http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia/belpremedal/belpreabout/index.cfm
2020: Sal & Gabi Break the Universe (author medal) by Carlos Hernandez
JF HERNANDEZ, C.

Dancing Hands: How Teresa Carreño Played the Piano for President Lincoln (illustrator medal) illustrated by Rafael López, written by Margarita Engle
E-JB CARRENO, T.

2019: The Poet X (author medal) by Elizabeth Acevedo
YA ACEVEDO, E.

Dreamers (illustrator medal) by Yuyi Morales
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2018: Lucky Broken Girl (author medal) by Ruth Behar
JF BEHAR, R.

La Princesa and the Pea (illustrator medal) illustrated by Juana Martinez-Neal, written by Susan Middleton Elya
P ELYA, S.

2017: Juana & Lucas (author medal) by Juana Medina
JF MEDINA, J.

Lowriders to the Center of the Earth (illustrator medal) illustrated by Raúl Gonzalez, written by Cathy Camper
JF G CAMPER, C.

2016: Enchanted Air: Two Cultures, Two Wings: A Memoir (author medal) written by Margarita Engle
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Drum Dream Girl (illustrator medal) illustrated by Rafael López, written by Margarita Engle
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2015: I Lived on Butterfly Hill (author medal) written by Marjorie Agosín, illustrated by Lee White
JF AGOSIN, M.

Viva Frida (illustrator medal)

2014: Yaqui Delgado Wants to Kick Your Ass (author medal) by Meg Medina
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Niño Wrestles the World (illustrator medal) by Yuri Morales
P MORALES, Y.

2013: Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe (author medal) by Benjamin Alire Saenz
Ask a Librarian

Martin de Porres: The Rose in the Desert (illustrator medal) illustrated by David Diaz, written by Gary D. Schmidt
Ask a Librarian

2012: Under the Mesquite (author medal) by Guadalupe Garcia McCall
YA MCCALL, G.

Diego Rivera: His World and Ours (illustrator medal) by Duncan Tonatiuh
Ask a Librarian

2011: The Dreamer (author medal) by Pam Munoz Ryan
Ask a Librarian

Grandma’s Gift (illustrator medal) by Eric Velasquez
Ask a Librarian

2010: Return to Sender (author medal) by Julia Alvarez
JF ALVAREZ, J.

Book Fiesta! Celebrate Children’s Day/Book Day; Celebremos El Día de los Niños/El Día de los Libros (illustrator medal) by Pat Mora, illustrated by Rafael López
SPA P MORA, P.

2009: The Surrender Tree (author award) by Margarita Engle
Ask a Librarian

Just in Case (illustrator award) by Yuyi Morales
Ask a Librarian

2008: The Poet Slave of Cuba: A Biography of Juan Francisco Manzano (author award) by Margarita Engle
Ask a Librarian

Los Gatos Black on Halloween (illustrator medal) by Marisa Montes, illustrated by Yuyi Morales
P MONTES, M.

2006*: The Tequila Worm (author medal) by Viola Canales
Ask a Librarian

Doña Flor: A Tall Tale About a Giant Woman with a Great Big Heart (illustrator medal) by Pat Mora, illustrated by Raul Colón
Ask a Librarian

2004*: Before We Were Free (author medal) by Julia Alvarez
Ask a Librarian

Just a Minute: A Trickster Tale and Counting Book (illustrator medal) by Yuyi Morales
P MORALES, Y.

2002*: Esperanza Rising (author medal) by Pam Munoz Ryan
JF RYAN, P.

Chato and the Party Animals (illustrator medal) by Gary Soto, illustrated by Susan Guevara
Ask a Librarian

2000*: Under the Royal Palms: A Childhood in Cuba (author medal) by Alma Flor Ada
Ask a Librarian

Making Magic Windows: Creating Papel Picado/Cut-paper Art (illustrator medal) by Carmen Lomas Garza
Ask a Librarian