

### *The Last Cuentista*

Grades 4-6

JF Higuera

Earth has been destroyed by a comet and only a few hundred scientists and their children have been chosen to journey to a new planet. Hundreds of years later, Petra wakes to this new planet- and the discovery that she is the only person who remembers Earth. Petra alone now carries the stories of the past, and any hope for the future. Can she make them live again?

\*Pura Belpré Award winner

### *Juana & Lucas Series*

Grades 4-6

Chapter Medina

Juana, is a spunky young Colombian girl who stars in this playful illustrated series. Juana loves many things: drawing, living in Bogotá, Colombia, and especially her dog, Lucas, the best *amigo* ever.

\*Pura Belpré Award winner

### *Merci Suarez Changes Gears*

Grades 2-3

JF Medina

Merci Suarez knew that 6th grade would be different, but she had no idea just *how* different. As a scholarship student, Merci has never been like the other kids at her private school. But things aren't going well at home, either: Merci's grandfather has been acting strangely lately and no one in her family will tell Merci what's going on.

### *Red Panda & Moon Bear*

Grades 4-6

JF G Red Panda

Red Panda and Moon Bear, magical defenders of their community, battle ghosts, evil robots, alien invaders, and time portals, all before Mami and Papi get home.

### *Esperanza Rising*

Grades 3-6

JF Ryan

Esperanza and her mother are forced to leave their life of wealth and privilege in Mexico to go work in the labor camps of Southern California, where they must adapt to the harsh circumstances facing Mexican farm workers on the eve of the Great Depression.

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### Nonfiction

Grades 4-6

### *Dancing Hands: How Teresa Carreño Played the Piano for President Lincoln*

E-JB Carreno

Looks at the life and accomplishments of Teresa Carreño, one of the world's most famous pianists who, by age 9, performed for President Lincoln at the White House.

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### *Martina, the Beautiful Cockroach: a Cuban Folktale*

Grades 1-2

J 398.2 DEE

Based on a Cuban folktale, Martina Josefina Catalina Cucaracha puts romantic suitors to the test. As they fail her abuela's "coffee test," she wonders if she'll ever find true love.

Grades 1-3

### *Viva Frida!*

J 759.972 MOR

Bilingual text, accompanied by colorful photographs, explores Frida Kahlo's life, and illuminates the laughter, love, and tragedy that influenced her work.

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Grades 1-2

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## **Picture Books**

### ***Drum Dream Girl***

**P Engle**

Follows a girl as she strives to become a drummer, despite being continually reminded that only boys play the drums.

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### ***Sofia Valdez, Future Prez***

**P Beaty**

2nd grader Sofia starts a petition to turn the city's landfill into a park. Her persistence pays off: "Now every evening till long after dark, the town comes together at Citizens' Park. They hold this truth to be self-evident. Sofia Valdez could grow up to be president! "

### ***¡Vamos! Let's Cross the Bridge***

**P Raul**

Using their new truck to carry party supplies over the bridge, Little Lobo and his friends are stuck in traffic and decide to throw an epic party to pass the time.

\*Pura Belpré Award winner

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

**P 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.

### ***Los Gatos Black on Halloween***

**P Montes**

When the monsters decide to throw a ball in the Haunted House, the witches, skeletons, and black cats happily decide to attend, in a fun holiday book enhanced with Spanish words.

\*Pura Belpré Award winner

### ***Book Fiesta!: Celebrate Children's Day / Book Day***

**SPA P Mora**

This bilingual story explores the joyous history of Children's Day/El día de los niños, with children reading aloud in various settings to celebrate.

\*Pura Belpré Award winner

### ***Niño Wrestles the World***

**P Morales**

Lucha Libre champion Niño has no trouble fending off monstrous opponents, but when his little sisters awaken from their naps, he is in for a no-holds-barred wrestling match that will truly test his skills.

\*Pura Belpré Award winner

## **Early Readers**

### ***Sofia Martinez Series***

**E Jules**

Sofia Martinez has a big personality and big plans, which makes every day memorable. From adventures with her sister and cousins, to taking school pictures, this 7-year-old knows how to make every moment count.

## **Fiction**

### ***I Lived on Butterfly Hill***

**JF Agosin**

When her beloved country, Chile, is taken over by a militaristic government, Celeste is sent to America for her safety. As she adapts to her new life, Celeste never stops dreaming of home. Will her parents reemerge from hiding? Will she ever be truly safe again?

\*Pura Belpré Award winner

**Grades 4-6**

## ***Return to Sender***

**JF Alvarez**

After his family hires migrant Mexican workers to help save their Vermont farm from foreclosure, eleven-year-old Tyler befriends the oldest daughter, but when he discovers they may not be in the country legally, he realizes that real friendship knows no borders.

\*Pura Belpré Award winner

**Grades 4-6**

### ***Me, Frida, and the Secret of the Peacock Ring***

**JF Cervantes**

When Lizzie and Gael share an irresistible challenge, to find the peacock ring that once belonged to artist Frida Kahlo, Paloma decides it is the perfect way to honor her father.

**Grades 4-6**

### ***Efren Divided***

**JF Cisneros**

While his father works two jobs, seventh-grader Efrén Nava must take care of his twin siblings, kindergartners Max and Mia, after their mother is deported to Mexico.

\*Pura Belpré Award winner

**Grades 3-6**

### ***Sal & Gabi Break the Universe***

**JF Hernandez**

What would you do if you had the power to reach through time and space and retrieve anything you want? When Gabi learns of Sal's power (and she takes it all in stride) Sal knows that she is someone he can work with. There's only one slight problem: their manipulation of time and space could put the entire universe at risk!

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