



The Pura Belpré Award Illustration Winners 1996-2024



The Pura Belpré Award is presented to a Latino writer and illustrator whose work best portrays, affirms, and celebrates the Latino cultural experience. The award is named after Pura Belpré, the first Latina librarian at the New York Public Library. The award was a biennial award from its inaugural year in 1996 through 2008 when it became annual.

2024: **Mexikid: A Graphic Memoir** illustrated and written by Pedro Martín (J GN Martín)

Honor Books

Mi papa es un agrícola/My Father, the Farmworker illustrated by José B. Ramírez and written by J. Roman Pérez Varela

Papá's Magical Water-Jug Clock illustrated by Eliza Kinkz and written by Jesús Trejo
Remembering illustrated by Adriana M. Garcia and written by Xelena González

2023: **Where Wonder Grows** illustrated by Adriana M. Garcia and written by Xelena González

Honor Books

The Coquíes Still Sing illustrated by Krystal Quiles and written by Karina Nicole González (JE Gonzalez)

A Land of Books: Dreams of Young Mexihcah Word Painters illustrated and written by Duncan Tonatiuh

Magic: Once Upon a Faraway Land illustrated and written by Mirelle Ortega

Phenomenal AOC: The Roots and Rise of Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez illustrated by Loris Lora and written by Anika Aldamuy Denise

Srta. Quinces illustrated and written by Kat Fajardo

Still Dreaming/Seguimos soñando illustrated by Magdalena Mora and written by Claudia Guadalupe Martínez, translated by Luis Humberto Crosthwaite

2022: **¡Vamos! Let's Cross the Bridge** illustrated and written by Raúl Gonzalez (JE Raul)

Honor Books

Boogie Boogie, Y'All illustrated and written by C.G. Esperanza (JE Esperanza)

Bright Star illustrated and written by Yuyi Morales (JE Morales)

De aquí como el coqui illustrated and written by Nomar Perez, translated by Farah Perez

May Your Life Be Deliciosa illustrated by Loris Lora and written by Michael Genhart (JE Genhart)

2021: **¡Vamos! Let's Go Eat** illustrated and written by Raúl Gonzalez

Honor Books

Sharuko: El Arqueólogo Peruano/Peruvian Archaeologist Julio C. Tello illustrated by Elisa Chavarri and written by Monica Brown (JB Tello)

2020: **Dancing Hands: How Teresa Carreño Played the Piano for President Lincoln** illustrated by Rafael López and written by Margarita Engle (JB Carreno)

Honor Books

Across the Bay illustrated and written by Carlos Aponte (JE Aponte)

My Papi Has a Motorcycle illustrated by Zeke Peña and written by Isabel Quintero (JE Quintero)

¡Vamos! Let's Go To the Market illustrated and written by Raúl Gonzalez (JE Gonzalez)

2019: **Dreamers** illustrated and written by Yuyi Morales (JE Morales)

Honor Books

Islandborn illustrated by Leo Espinosa and written by Junot Díaz (JE Diaz)

When Angels Sing: The Story of Rock Legend Carlos Santana illustrated by Jose Ramirez and written by Michael Mahin (JB Santana)

- 2018: **La Princesa and the Pea** illustrated by Juana Martinez-Neal and written by Susan Middleton Elya
Honor Books
All Around Us illustrated by Adriana M. Garcia and written by Xelena González
Frida Kahlo and Her Animalitos illustrated by John Parra and written by Monica Brown (JB Kahlo)
- 2017: **Lowriders to the Center of the Earth** illustrated by Raúl Gonzalez and written by Cathy Camper
Honor Books
Esquivel!: Space-Age Sound Artist illustrated by Duncan Tonatiuh and written by Susan Wood
The Princess and the Warrior: A Tale of Two Volcanoes illustrated and written by Duncan Tonatiuh
- 2016: **Dream Drum Girl** illustrated by Rafael López and written by Margarita Engle
Honor Books
My Tata's Remedies=Los remedios de mi tata illustrated by Antonio Castro L. and written by Roni Capin Rivera-Ashford
Mango, Abuela and Me illustrated by Angela Dominguez and written by Meg Medina (JE Medina)
Funny Bones: Posada and His Day of the Dead Calaveras illustrated and written by Duncan Tonatiuh (JB Posada)
- 2015: **Viva Frida** illustrated and written by Yuyi Morales (JE Morales)
Honor Books
Little Roja Riding Hood illustrated by Susan Guevara and written by Susan Elya (JE Elya)
Green is a Chile Pepper illustrated by John Parra and written by Roseanne Thong
Separate is Never Equal: Sylvia Mendez and Her Family's Fight for Desegregation illustrated and written by Duncan Tonatiuh (J 379.263 Ton)
- 2014: **Niño Wrestles the World** illustrated and written by Yuyi Morales (JE Morales)
Honor Books
Maria Has a Little Llama/Maria Tenía una Llamita illustrated and written by Angela Dominguez
Tito Puente: Mambo King/Rey del Mambo illustrated by Rafael López and written by Monica Brown
Pancho Rabbit and the Coyote: A Migrant's Tale illustrated and written by Duncan Tonatiuh (JE Tonatiuh)
- 2013: **Martín de Porres: The Rose in the Desert** illustrated by David Diaz and written by Gary Schmidt
- 2012: **Diego Rivera: His World and Our** illustrated and written by Duncan Tonatiuh (JB Rivera)
Honor Books
The Cazuela that the Farm Maiden Stirred illustrated by Rafael López and written by Samantha Vamos (Spanish JE Vamos)
Marisol McDonald Doesn't Match/Marisol McDonald no combina illustrated by Sara Palacios and written by Monica Brown (Spanish JE Brown)
- 2011: **Grandma's Gift** illustrated and written by Eric Velasquez (JE Velasquez)
Honor Books
Dear Primo: A Letter to My Cousin illustrated and written by Duncan Tonatiuh (JE Tonatiuh)
Fiesta Babies illustrated by Amy Cordova and written by Carmen Tafolla (JE Tafolla)
Me, Frida illustrated by David Diaz and written by Amy Novesky
- 2010: **Book Fiesta!: Celebrate Children's Day/Book Day; Celebremos El día de los niños/El día de los libros** illustrated by Rafael López and written by Pat Mora (Spanish JE Mora)
Honor Books
Diego: Bigger Than Life illustrated by David Diaz and written by Carmen T. Bernier-Grand (YA 759.972 Ber)
Gracias. Thanks. illustrated by John Parra and written by Pat Mora (Spanish JE Mora)
My Abuelita illustrated by Yuyi Morales and written by Tony Johnston

- 2009: **Just In Case** illustrated and written by Yuyi Morales (JE Morales)
Honor Books
Pápa and Me illustrated by Rudy Gutierrez and written by Arthur Dorros (JE Dorros)
What Can You Do With a Rebozo? Illustrated by Amy Córdova and written by Carmen Tafolla (JE Tafolla)
The Storyteller's Candle/La velita de los cuentos illustrated by Lulu Delacre and written by Lucía González
- 2008: **Los Gatos Black on Halloween** illustrated by Yuyi Morales and written by Marisa Montes
Honor Books
My Colors, My World/Mis colores, mi mundo illustrated and written by Maya Christina Gonzalez
My Name is Gabito: The Life of Gabriel Márquez illustrated by Raúl Colón and written by Monica Brown
- 2007: **No Award Presented**
- 2006: **Doña Flor: A Tall Tale About a Giant Woman with a Great Big Heart** illustrated by Raúl Colón and written by Pat Mora (JE Mora)
Honor Books
Arrorró, Mi Niño: Latino Lullabies and Gentle Games illustrated and selected by Lulu Delacre (Spanish 811.54 Arr)
César: ¡Sí, Se Puede! Yes, We Can! Illustrated by David Diaz and written by Carmen T. Bernier-Grand (JB Chavez)
My Name is Celia: The Life of Celia Cruz illustrated by Rafael López and written by Monica Brown (JB Cruz)
- 2005: **No Award Presented**
- 2004: **Just a Minute: A Trickster Tale and Counting Book** illustrated and written by Yuyi Morales (JE Morales)
Honor Books
First Day in Grapes illustrated by Robert Casilla and written by L. King Pérez
The Pot that Juan Built illustrated by David Diaz and written by Nancy Andrews-Goebel (JE Andrews-Goebel)
Harvesting Hope: The Story of Cesar Chavez illustrated by Yuyi Morales and written by Kathleen Krull (JB Chavez)
- 2003: **No Award Presented**
- 2002: **Chato and the Party Animals** illustrated by Susan Guevara and written by Gary Soto (JE Soto)
Honor Books
Juan Bobo Goes to Work illustrated by Joe Cepeda and retold by Marisa Montes
- 2001: **No Award Presented**
- 2000: **Magic Windows** illustrated and written by Carmen Lomas Garza (J 306.85 Lom)
Honor Books
Barrio: José's Neighborhood illustrated and written by George Ancona
The Secret Stars illustrated by Felipe Dávalos and written by Joseph Slate (Christmas JE Slate)
Mama & Papa Have a Store illustrated and written by Amelia Lau Carling
- 1999: **No Award Presented**
- 1998: **Snapshots from the Wedding** illustrated by Stephanie Garcia and written by Gary Soto
Honor Books
In My Family/En mi familia illustrated and written by Carmen Lomas Garza
The Golden Flower: A Taino Myth from Puerto Rico illustrated by Enrique O. Sánchez and written by Nina Jaffe
Gathering the Sun: An Alphabet in Spanish and English illustrated by Simón Silva and

written by Alma Flor Ada (Spanish J Ada)

1997: **No Award Presented**

1996: **Chato's Kitchen** illustrated by Susan Guevara and written by Gary Soto (JE Soto)

Honor Books

The Bossy Gallito: A Traditional Cuban Folktale illustrated by Lulu Delacre and written by Lucía González

Pablo Remembers: The Fiesta of the Day of the Dead illustrated and written by George Ancona

Family Pictures/Cuadros de Familia illustrated by Carmen Lomas Garza and text by Rosalma Zubizaretta