

The Pura Belpré Award winners, 1996-present

2015 winners

For Narrative

Medal Winner

I Lived on Butterfly Hill by Marjorie Agosín, illustrated by Lee White, published by Atheneum Books for Young Readers, an imprint of Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing Division

Honor Book for narrative

Portraits of Hispanic American Heroes, by Juan Felipe Herrera, illustrated by Raúl Colón, published by Dial Books for Young Readers, an imprint of Penguin Group.



For illustration

Medal Winner

Viva Frida by Yuyi Morales, published by Roaring Brook Press, a Neal Porter Book.

Honor Books for illustration

Little Roja Riding Hood illustrated by Susan Guevara, written by Susan Middleton Elya, published by G. P. Putnam's Sons, an imprint of Penguin Group.

Green Is a Chile Pepper illustrated by John Parra, written by Roseanne Greenfield Thong, published by Chronicle Books.

Separate Is Never Equal: Sylvia Mendez & Her Family's Fight for Desegregation by Duncan Tonatiuh, published by Abrams Books for Young Readers, an imprint of ABRAMS.

Members of the 2015 Pura Belpré Award Committee: Chair Tim Wadham, Puyallup (WA) Public Library; Dr. Ramona Caponegro, Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, MI.; Maria Cotto, Pawtucket (RI) Public Library; Iris N. Ilagan, La Canada Flintridge (CA) Public Library; Louise Lareau, New York Public Library; Maria E. Rodriguez, Dallas (TX) Independent School District; and Victor Lynn Schill, Fairbanks Branch Library, Houston, TX.

2014 winners

For narrative

Medal winner

Yaqui Delgado Wants to Kick Your Ass by Meg Medina, published by Candlewick Press

Honor Books for narrative

The Lightning Dreamer: Cuba's Greatest Abolitionist by Margarita Engle, published by Harcourt, an imprint of Houghton Mifflin Harcourt.

The Living by Matt de la Peña, published by Delacorte Press, an imprint of Random House Children's Books, a division of Random House LLC, a Penguin Random House.

Pancho Rabbit and the Coyote: A Migrant's Tale by Duncan Tonatiuh, published by Abrams Books for Young Readers, an imprint of ABRAMS.

For illustration

Medal winner

Niño Wrestles the World by Yuyi Morales, published by Roaring Brook Press

Honor Books for illustration

Maria Had a Little Llama / María Tenía una Llamita by Angela Dominguez, published by Henry Holt

Tito Puente: Mambo King / Rey del Mambo, illustrated by Rafael López, written by Monica Brown, published by Rayo, an imprint of HarperCollins

Pancho Rabbit and the Coyote: A Migrant's Tale by Duncan Tonatiuh, published by Abrams Books for Young Readers, an imprint of ABRAMS

Members of the 2014 Pura Belpré Award Committee: Chair C. Ruth Tobar, Plaza Comunitaria, Grand Rapids, MI; Mary Clark, Young Critics Club, Perrot Memorial Library, Old Greenwich, CN; Paula M. Gonzales, Harris County Public Library, Lone Star College-Cy Fair Branch, Cypress, TX; Alicia K. Long, State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota, Bradenton, FL; Celia C. Pérez, Harold Washington College, City Colleges of Chicago, Chicago, IL; Maria X. Peterson, Thomas Hughes Children's Library, Chicago Public Library, Chicago, IL; and Armando Ramírez, Redwood City (CA) Public Library.

2013 winners

For narrative

Medal winner

Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe by Benjamin Alire Sáenz, published by Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, an imprint of Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing Division

Honor Book for narrative

The Revolution of Evelyn Serrano by Sonia Manzano, published by Scholastic Press, an imprint of Scholastic Inc.

For illustration

Medal winner

Martín de Porres: The Rose in the Desert illustrated by David Diaz, written by Gary D. Schmidt, published by Clarion Books, an imprint of Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company

No honor books for illustration were given.

Members of the 2013 Pura Belpré Award Committee: Chair, Charmette Kuhn-Kendrick, South Columbus Public Library, Columbus, GA; Lucia Acosta Princeton Public Library,

Princeton, NJ; Aryanez A. Crosby, DeKalb County Library, Chamblee, GA; Katherine Cunningham, Lexington Public Library, Lexington, KY; Robin F. Kurz, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA; Ruth Quiroa, National-Lewis University, Lisle, IL.

2012 winners

For narrative

Medal winner

Under the Mesquite by Guadalupe Garcia McCall, published by Lee and Low Books Inc.

Honor Books for narrative

Hurricane Dancers: The First Caribbean Pirate Shipwreck by Margarita Engle, published by Henry Holt

Maximilian and the Mystery of the Guardian Angel: A Bilingual Lucha Libre Thriller by Xavier Garza, published by Cinco Puntos Press

For illustration

Medal winner

Diego Rivera: His World and Ours, by Duncan Tonatiuh, published by Abrams Books for Young Readers, an imprint of ABRAMS.

Honor Books for illustration

The Cazuela that the Farm Maiden Stirred, illustrated by Rafael López, written by Samantha R. Vamos, and published by Charlesbridge

Marisol McDonald Doesn't Match /Marisol McDonald no combina, illustrated by Sara Palacios, written by Monica Brown, and published by Children's Book Press, an imprint of Lee and Low Books Inc.

Members of the 2012 Pura Belpré Award Committee: Chair Jamie Naidoo, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL; Rebecca A. Alcalá, San Mateo County Library, East Palo Alto, CA; Carling Febry, Cooperative Children's Book Center, Madison, WI; Luis F. Vargas, Yuma County Library District, San Luis, AZ; Daisy Gutierrez, Houston Public Library, Houston, TX; Amanda L. Sharpe, Harper Junior High School Library, Davis, CA; Henrietta M. Smith, University of South Florida, Delray Beach, FL.

2011 winners

For narrative

Medal winner

The Dreamer, written by Pam Muñoz Ryan, illustrated by Peter Sís, published by Scholastic Press, an imprint of Scholastic Inc.

Honor Books for narrative

¡Ole! Flamenco, written by George Ancona, illustrated by George Ancona, published by Lee and Low Books Inc.

The Firefly Letters: A Suffragette's Journey to Cuba, written by Margarita Engle, published by Henry Holt

90 Miles to Havana by Enrique Flores-Galbis, published by Roaring Brook Press

For illustration

Medal winner

Grandma's Gift, illustrated and written by Eric Velasquez, published by Walker Publishing Company, Inc., a division of Bloomsbury Publishing, Inc.

Honor Books for illustration

Fiesta Babies, illustrated Amy Cordova, written by Carmen Tafolla, published by Tricycle Press, an imprint of the Crown Publishing Group, a division of Random House, Inc.

Me, Frida, illustrated by David Diaz, written by Amy Novesky, published by Abrams Books for Young Readers, an imprint of ABRAMS

Dear Primo: A Letter to My Cousin, illustrated and written by Duncan Tonatiuh, published by Abrams Books for Young Readers, an imprint of ABRAMS

Members of the 2011 Pura Belpré Award Committee: Chair Martha M. Walke, Children's Literature New England, South Strafford, VT; Aryanez Crosby, Dekalb County Public Library, Chamblee, GA; Tatiana De La Tierra, Inglewood Public Library, Long Beach, CA; Floyd Dickman, Ostrander, OH; Sally Miculek, Austin Public Library, Austin, TX; Stan Steiner, Boise State University Albertsons Library, Boise, ID; Ruth Tobar, Grand Rapids, MI.

2010 Winners

For narrative

Medal winner

Julia Alvarez. *Return to Sender* (Alfred A. Knopf)

Honor Books for narrative

Carmen T. Bernier-Grand. *Diego: Bigger Than Life*, illustrated by David Diaz (Marshall Cavendish Children)

Georgina Lázaro. *Federico García Lorca*, illustrated by Enrique S. Moreiro (Lectorum Publications Inc., a subsidiary of Scholastic Inc.)

For illustration

Medal winner

Rafael López. *Book Fiesta!: Celebrate Children's Day/Book Day; Celebremos El día de los niños/El día de los libros*. Written by Pat Mora. (Rayo, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers)

Honor Books for illustration

David Diaz. *Diego: Bigger Than Life*. Written by Carmen T. Bernier-Grand. (Marshall Cavendish Children)

Yuyi Morales. *My Abuelita*. Written by Tony Johnston. (Harcourt Children's Books, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt)

John Parra. *Gracias. Thanks*. Written by Pat Mora. (Lee & Low Books Inc.)

Members of the 2010 Pura Belpré Award Committee: Chair Lucia González, Broward County Library, North Miami Beach, FL; Rebecca Hickman, Alvin Sherman Library-Nova Southeastern University, Boca Raton, FL; Judi Moreillon, Emily Gray Junior High-Tanque Verde High School, Tucson, AZ; Freda Mosquera, Broward County Library, Fort Lauderdale, FL; Patricia Montiel Overall, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ; Maggie Sepulveda, Houston Public Library, Pearland, TX; Roberto Zapata, San Antonio Public Library, San Antonio, TX.

2009 Winners

For narrative

Medal winner

Margarita Engle. *The Surrender Tree: Poems of Cuba's Struggle for Freedom* (Henry Holt)

Honor Books for narrative

Yuyi Morales. *Just In Case* (A Neal Porter Book published by Roaring Brook Press)

Francisco Jiménez. *Reaching Out* (Houghton Mifflin Company)

Lucía González. *The Storyteller's Candle / La velita de los cuentos*, illustrated by Lulu Delacre (Children's Book Press)

For illustration

Medal winner

Yuyi Morales. *Just In Case* (A Neal Porter Book published by Roaring Brook Press)

Honor Books for illustration

Rudy Gutierrez. *Papá and Me*, written by Arthur Dorros (Rayo, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers)

Lulu Delacre. *The Storyteller's Candle / La velita de los cuentos*, written by Lucía González (Children's Book Press)

Amy Córdova. *What Can You Do With a Rebozo?* Written by Carmen Tafolla (Tricycle Press, an imprint of Ten Speed Press)

Members of the 2009 Pura Belpré Award Committee: Chair Claudette McLinn, Los Angeles Unified School District; Loretta Dowell, San Francisco Public Library; Elva Garza, Austin (Texas) Public Library; Oralia Garza de Cortes, Latino Children's Literature Consultant, Pasadena, CA; Debra Gold, Cuyahoga County Public Library, Parma Heights, OH; Charmette Kuhn-Kendrick, Chattahoochee Valley Regional Library System, Columbus, GA; and Yolanda Valentin, Birmingham (AL) Public Library.

2008 Winners

For narrative

Medal winner

Margarita Engle. *The Poet Slave of Cuba: A Biography of Juan Francisco Manzano*. Illustrated by Sean Qualls (Holt, 2006)

Honor Books for narrative

Carmen T. Bernier-Grand. *Frida: ¡Viva la vida! Long Live Life!* (Marshall Cavendish, 2007)

Carmen Agra Deedy. *Martina the Beautiful Cockroach: A Cuban Folktale*. Illustrated by Michael Austin (Peachtree, 2007)

Marisa Montes. *Los Gatos Black on Halloween*, illustrated by Yuyi Morales. (Holt, 2006)

For illustration

Medal winner

Yuyi Morales. *Los Gatos Black on Halloween*. Written by Marisa Montes. (Holt, 2006)

Honor Books for illustration

Raúl Colón. *My Name is Gabito: The Life of Gabriel García Márquez/Me llamo Gabito: la vida de Gabriel García Márquez*. Written by Monica Brown. (Luna Rising, 2007)

Maya Christina Gonzalez. *My Colors, My World/Mis colores, mi mundo*. (Children's Book Press, 2007)

Members of the 2008 Pura Belpré Award Committee: Chair, Jean Hatfield, Alford Regional Branch, Wichita Public Library, KS; Adrián Barrientos, San José Public Library Biblioteca Latinoamericana Branch, San José, CA; Hope Crandall, Washington Elementary School, Woodburn School District, Woodburn, OR; Judith V. Lechner, Auburn University, AL; Lisa Lintner-Sizemore, Louisville Free Public Library, Louisville, KY. And Jamie Campbell Naidoo, Ph.D, University of South Carolina School of Library and Information Science, Columbia, SC.

2006 Winners

For narrative

Medal winner

Viola Canales. *The Tequila Worm*. (Wendy Lamb Books, a division of Random House, 2005).

Honor Books for narrative

Carmen T. Bernier-Grand. *César: ¡Sí, Se Puede! Yes, We Can!* Illustrated by David Diaz. (Marshall Cavendish, 2004)

Pat Mora. *Doña Flor: A Tall Tale About a Giant Woman with a Great Big Heart*. Illustrated by Raul Colón. (Alfred A. Knopf, a division of Random House, 2005)

Pam Muñoz Ryan. *Becoming Naomi León*. (Scholastic Press, 2004)

For illustration

Medal winner:

Raul Colón. *Doña Flor: A Tall Tale About a Giant Woman with a Great Big Heart*. Written by Pat Mora. (Alfred A. Knopf, a division of Random House, 2005)

Honor Books for illustration

Selected and illustrated by Lulu Delacre. *Arrorró, Mi Niño: Latino Lullabies and Gentle Games*. (Lee & Low Books, Inc., 2004)

David Diaz. *César: ¡Sí, Se Puede! Yes, We Can!* Written by Carmen T. Bernier-Grand. (Marshall Cavendish, 2004)

Rafael López, Illustrator. *My Name Is Celia/ Me Llamo Celia: The Life of Celia Cruz/ La Vida de Celia Cruz*. Written by Monica Brown. (Luna Rising, a bilingual imprint of Rising Moon, 2004)

Members of the 2006 Pura Belpré Award Committee: Chair, Barbara Scotto, Michael Driscoll School, Brookline, MA; Mariá E. Gentle, Arlington County Public Library, Arlington, VA; Lucía M. González, Broward County Library, Fort Lauderdale, FL; Leslie Hauschildt, Jefferson County Public Library, Evergreen, CO; Armando Ramírez, San Mateo County Library, San Mateo, CA; Tim Wadham, Maricopa County Library District, Phoenix, AZ; and Martha M. Walke, Children's Literature New England, Inc., South Strafford, VT.

2004 Winners

For narrative

Medal winner

Julia Alvarez. *Before We Were Free*. (Alfred A. Knopf, 2002)

Honor Books for narrative

Nancy Osa. *Cuba 15*. (Delacorte Press, 2003)

Amada Irma Pérez. *My Diary from Here to There/Mi Diario de Aquí Hasta Allá*. (Children's Book Press)

For Illustration

Medal winner

Yuyi Morales. *Just a Minute: A Trickster Tale and Counting Book* (Chronicle Books, 2003)

Honor Books for illustration

Robert Casilla, Illustrator. Written by L. King Pérez. *First Day in Grapes*. (Lee & Low Books, Inc., 2002)

David Diaz, Illustrator. Written by Nancy Andrews-Goebel. *The Pot That Juan Built*. (Lee & Low Books, Inc., 2002)

Yuyi Morales, Illustrator. Written by Kathleen Krull. *Harvesting Hope: The Story of Cesar Chavez*. (Harcourt, Inc., 2003)

Members of the 2004 Pura Belpré Award Committee: Chair Chair: Rose Violet Treviño, Houston Public Library; Ilene Abramson, Los Angeles Public Library; Salvador Avila, Las Vegas - Clark County (NV) Library District; Roslyn Beitler, Barrett Elementary School, Arlington, VA; Linda Caycedo, The New York Public Library; Ana-Elba Pavon, San Francisco Public Library; and Tammy Pineda, Hennepin County Library, Minnetonka, MN.

2002 Winners

For Narrative

Medal winner

Pam Munoz Ryan. *Esperanza Rising* (Scholastic Press, 2000)

Honor Books for narrative

Francisco Jiménez. *Breaking Through*. (Houghton Mifflin Company, 2001)

Francisco X. Alarcón. *Iguanas in the Snow*. Illustrated by Maya Christina Gonzalez. (Children's Book Press)

For Illustration

Medal winner

Susan Guevara, Illustrator. Written by Gary Soto. *Chato and the Party Animals* (G.P. Putnam's Sons, 2000)

Honor Book for illustration

Joe Cepeda, Illustrator. Retold by Marisa Montes. *Juan Bobo Goes to Work*. (HarperCollins, 2000)

Members of the 2002 Pura Belpré Award Committee: Eliza T. Dresang, Florida State University, Tallahassee; Miguel García Colón, Chicago Public Library; Jean Hatfield,

Johnson County Library, Shawnee Mission (Kan.); Bethe Marie Lehman, L.O. Donald Elementary School, Dallas; Maria C. Mena, Leon County Public Library System, Tallahassee (Fla.); Meb Norton, Metairie Park Country Day School, New Orleans; Nissa Montoya-Perez, East Los Angeles Library.

2000 Winners

For narrative

Medal winner

Alma Flor Ada. *Under the Royal Palms: A Childhood in Cuba*. (Atheneum Books, 1998).

Honor Books for narrative

Francisco X. Alarcón. *From the Bellybutton of the Moon and Other Summer Poems/ Del Ombigo de la Luna y Otro Poemas de Verano*. Illustrated by Maya Christina Gonzalez. (Children's Book Press, 1998).

Juan Felipe Herrera. *Laughing out Loud, I Fly: Poems in English and Spanish*. Illustrated by Karen Barbour. (HarperCollins, 1998).

For illustration

Medal winner

Carmen Lomas Garza. *Magic Windows*. (Children's Book Press, 1999).

Honor Books for illustration

George Ancona. *Barrio: José's Neighborhood*. (Harcourt Brace, 1998).

Felipe Dávalos. *The Secret Stars. Text by Joseph Slate*. (Marshall Cavendish, 1998).

Amelia Lau Carling. *Mama & Papa Have a Store*. (Dial Books, 1998).

Members of the 2000 Pura Belpré Award Committee: Chair Yolanda Bonitch, Mollie B. Bynum, Maria A. Champlin, Miguel A. Garcia-Colon, Ginny Moore Kruse, Priscilla E. Leni, Maureen White.

1998 Winners

For narrative

Medal winner

Martinez, Victor. *Parrot in the Oven: mi vida*. (Joanna Cotler/HarperCollins, 1996).

Honor Books for narrative

Alarcón, Francisco. *Laughing Tomatoes and Other Spring Poems / Jitomates Risueños y otros poemas de primavera* illustrated by Maya Christina Gonzalez (Children's Book Press, 1997).

Martinez, Floyd. *Spirits of the High Mesa* (Arte Público Press, 1997).

For illustration

Medal Winner

Snapshots from the Wedding, illustrated by Stephanie Garcia. Text: Gary Soto (Putnam, 1997).

Honor Books for illustration

Lomas Garza, Carmen. *In My Family / En mi familia* (Children's Book Press, 1996).

Sánchez, Enrique O. *The Golden Flower: a Taino Myth from Puerto Rico* text by Nina Jaffe (Simon & Schuster, 1996).

Silva, Simón. *Gathering the Sun: an Alphabet in Spanish and English* text by Alma Flor Ada; English translation by Rosa Zubizarreta (Lothrop, 1997).

Members of the 1998 Pura Belpré Award Committee: Chair Melinda Dale Greenblatt, Oralía Garza Cortez, Lauren L. Mayer, Elissa R. Miller, Judith Rodriguez, Patricia M. Wong, Judy E. Zuckerman.

1996 Winners

For narrative

Medal winner

Cofer, Judith Ortiz. *An Island Like You: Stories of the Barrio* (Melanie Kroupa / Orchard Books, 1995).

Honor Books for narrative

González, Lucía. *The Bossy Gallito / El Gallo de Bodas: A Traditional Cuban Folktale* illustrated by Lulu Delacre (Scholastic, 1994).

Soto, Gary. *Baseball in April, and Other Stories* (Harcourt, 1994).

For illustration

Medal winner

Guevara, Susan. *Chato's Kitchen* written by Gary Soto (Putnam, 1995).

Honor Books for illustration

Ancona, George. *Pablo Remembers: The Fiesta of the Day of the Dead* (Lothrop, 1993).

Also published in a Spanish language edition: *Pablo Recuerda: La Fiesta de Día de los Muertos* (Lothrop, 1993).

Delacre, Lulu. *The Bossy Gallito / El Gallo de Bodas: A Traditional Cuban Folktale* retold by Lucía González (Scholastic, 1994).

Lomas Garza, Carmen. *Family Pictures / Cuadros de Familia*. Spanish language text by Rosalma Zubizarreta (Children's Book Press, 1990).

Members of the 1996 Pura Belpré Award Committee: Chair Oralía Garza de Cortes, Alan Bern, C. Toni Bissessar, Melinda Dale Greenblatt, Lauren L. Mayer, Linda A. Perkins, Judith Rodriguez.

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