The Pura Belpré Award Winners, 1996-Present

2020 Winners

Narrative

Medal Winner
Sal and Gabi Break the Universe by Carlos Hernandez (Disney-Hyperion) YA PZ7.1.H4943 Sal 2019

Honor Books for Narrative
Lety Out Loud by Angela Cervantes (Scholastic)
The Other Half of Happy by Rebecca (Chronicle Books)


Soldier for Equality: José de la Luz Sáenz and the Great War by Duncan Tonatiuth

Illustration

Medal Winner
Dancing Hands: How Teresa Carreño played the piano for President Lincoln, Illustrated by Rafael López, written by Margarita Engle (Simon & Schuster) PicBk ML3930.C2635 E55 2019

Honor Books for Illustration
Across the Bay, Illustrated and written by Carlos Aponte (Penguin)

My Papi has a Motorcycle, Illustrated by Zeke Peña, written by Isabel Quintero (Kokila)

¡Vamos! Let’s Go to the Market, Illustrated and written by Raúl Gonzalez (Versify)

2019 Winners

Narrative

Medal Winner
The Poet X by Elizabeth Acevedo (HarperCollins Publishers)

Honor Books for Narrative
They Call me Güero: A Border Kid’s Poems by David Bowles (Cinco Puntos Press)

Illustration

Medal Winner
Dreamers by Yuyi Morales (Holiday House Publishing) PicBk PS3613.O68 Z46 2018
**Honor Books for Illustration**
*When Angels Sing: The Story of Rock Legend Carlos Santana*, illustrated by Jose Ramirez, Written by Michael Mahin (Simon & Schuster)

**2018 WINNERS**

**Narrative**

**Medal Winner**
*Lucky Broken Girl* by Ruth Behar (Nancy Paulsen/Penguin Random House) YA PZ7.1 .B447 Luc 2018

**Honor Books for Narrative**
*The Epic Fail of Arturo Zamora* by Pablo Cartaya (Viking/Penguin Random House)
*The First Rule of Punk* by Celia C. Pérez (Viking/Penguin Random House)

**Illustration**

**Medal Winner**

**Honor Books for Illustration**
*All Around Us*, illustrated by Adriana M. Garcia, written by Xelena González (Cinco Puntos)

*Frida Kahlo and Her Animalitos*, illustrated by John Parra, written by Monica Brown (NorthSouth Books/NordSüd Verlag)

**2017 WINNERS**

**Narrative**

**Medal Winner**
*Juana & Lucas*, illustrated and written by Juana Medina (Candlewick)

**Honor Book for Narrative**
*The Only Road* by Alexandra Diaz (Simon & Schuster/Paula Wiseman) YA PZ7 .D5432 2016

**Illustration**

**Medal Winner**
*Lowriders to the Center of the Earth*, illustrated by Raúl Gonzalez, written by Cathy Camper (Chronicle)
Honor Books For Illustration
Esquivel! Space-Age Sound Artist, illustrated by Duncan Tonatiuh, written by Susan Wood (Charlesbridge)
The Princess and the Warrior: A Tale of Two Volcanoes, by Duncan Tonatiuh (Abrams)

2016 WINNERS
Narrative
Medal Winner
Enchanted Air: Two Cultures, Two Wings: A Memoir by Margarita Engle (Atheneum Books/Simon & Schuster)
YA PS3555 .N4254 Z46 2015

Honor Books for Narrative
The Smoking Mirror by David Bowles (IFWG Publishing)
Mango, Abuela, and Me, illustrated by Angela Domínguez, by Meg Medina (Candlewick)

Illustration
Medal Winner
Drum Dream Girl, illustrated by Rafael López, written by Margarita Engle (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt)

Honor Books for Illustration
My Tata's Remedies / Los remedios de mi tata, illustrated by Antonio Castro L, written by Roni Capin Rivera-Ashford (Cinco Puntos) PicBk PZ73 .R52463 2015
Mango, Abuela, and Me, illustrated by Angela Domínguez, written by Meg Medina (Candlewick)
Funny Bones: Posada and His Day of the Dead Calaveras, illustrated and written by Duncan Tonatiuh (Abrams)

2015 WINNERS
Narrative
Medal Winner
I Lived on Butterfly Hill, illustrated by Lee White, written by Marjorie Agosín (Atheneum/Simon & Schuster)
YA PZ7 .A2686 lah 2014

Honor Book for Narrative
Portraits of Hispanic American Heroes, illustrated by Raúl Colón written by Juan Felipe Herrera (Dial/Penguin)
YA E184 .S75 H486

Illustration
Medal Winner
Viva Frida by Yuyi Morales (Roaring Brook/Neal Porter)
Honor Books For Illustration
Green Is a Chile Pepper, illustrated by John Parra, written by Roseanne Greenfield Thong (Chronicle)

2014 WINNERS

Narrative

Medal Winner
Yaqui Delgado Wants to Kick Your Ass by Meg Medina (Candlewick)

Honor Books For Narrative
The Lightning Dreamer: Cuba’s Greatest Abolitionist by Margarita Engle (Harcourt/Houghton Mifflin Harcourt)
The Living by Matt de la Peña (Delacorte/Penguin Random House)
Pancho Rabbit and the Coyote: A Migrant’s Tale by Duncan Tonatiuh (Abrams) PicBk PZ7 .T66414 Pan 2013

Illustration

Medal Winner
Niño Wrestles the World by Yuyi Morales (Roaring Brook) Easy PZ7 .M7881927 Nin 2013

Honor Books For Illustration
Maria Had a Little Llama / María Tenía una Llamita by Angela Dominguez (Holt) PicBk PZ74.3 .D7 2013
Tito Puente: Mambo King / Rey del Mambo, illustrated by Rafael López, written by Monica Brown (Rayo/HarperCollins) PicBk ML3930 .P83 B76 2013
Pancho Rabbit and the Coyote: A Migrant’s Tale by Duncan Tonatiuh (Abrams) PicBk PZ7 .T66414 Pan 2013

2013 WINNERS

Narrative

Medal Winner
Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe by Benjamin Alire Sáenz (Simon & Schuster)

Honor Book For Narrative
The Revolution of Evelyn Serrano by Sonia Manzano (Scholastic) YA PZ7 .M3213 Rev 2012

Illustration

Medal Winner
Martín de Porres: The Rose in the Desert, illustrated by David Diaz, written by Gary D. Schmidt (Clarion/Houghton Mifflin Harcourt)
2012 WINNERS

Narrative

Medal Winner
Under the Mesquite, by Guadalupe Garcia McCall (Lee and Low) YA PZ7 .M47833752 2011

Honor Books For Narrative
Hurricane Dancers: The First Caribbean Pirate Shipwreck by Margarita Engle (Holt)  
Maximilian and the Mystery of the Guardian Angel: A Bilingual Lucha Libre Thriller by Xavier Garza (Cinco Puntos)

Illustration

Medal Winner
Diego Rivera: His World and Ours by Duncan Tonatiuh (Abrams)

Honor Books For Illustration
The Cazuela that the Farm Maiden Stirred, illustrated by Rafael López, written by Samantha R. Vamos (Charlesbridge) Easy PZ7 .V2565 Caz 2011  
Marisol McDonald Doesn’t Match /Marisol McDonald no combina, illustrated by Sara Palacios, written by Monica Brown (Children’s Book Press/Lee and Low) Easy PZ73 .B68564 2011

2011 WINNERS

Narrative

Medal Winner
The Dreamer, illustrated by Peter Sís by Pam Muñoz Ryan (Scholastic) YA PZ7 .R9553 Dr 2010

Honor Books For Narrative
¡Ole! Flamenco, written by George Ancona, illustrated written by George Ancona (Lee & Low) PicBk GV1796 .F55 A53 2010  
The Firefly Letters: A Suffragette's Journey to Cuba by Margarita Engle (Holt)  
90 Miles to Havana by Enrique Flores-Galbis (Roaring Brook)

Illustration

Medal Winner
Grandma’s Gift, illustrated and written by Eric Velasquez (Walker/Bloomsbury)

Honor Books For Illustration
Fiesta Babies, illustrated Amy Cordova, written by Carmen Tafolla (Tricycle/Crown/Random House)  
Me, Frida, illustrated by David Diaz, written by Amy Novesky (Abrams)  
2010 WINNERS

Narrative

Medal Winner
Return to Sender by Julia Alvarez (Knopf) YA PZ7 .A48 Re 2009

Honor Books For Narrative
Diego: Bigger Than Life, illustrated by David Diaz, written by Carmen T. Bernier-Grand (Marshall Cavendish)
Federico García Lorca, illustrated by Enrique S. Moreiro, written by Georgina Lázaro (Lectorum/Scholastic)

Illustration

Medal Winner
Book Fiesta!: Celebrate Children's Day/Book Day; Celebramos El día de los niños/El día de los libros, Illustrated by Rafael López written by Pat Mora (Rayo/HarperCollins) Easy PZ73 .M635 2009

Honor Books For Illustration
Diego: Bigger Than Life, Illustrated by David Diaz, written by Carmen T. Bernier-Grand (Marshall Cavendish)
My Abuelita, Illustrated by Yuyi Morales, written by Tony Johnston (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt)
Gracias, Thanks, Illustrated by John Parra written, by Pat Mora (Lee & Low) PicBk PZ73 .M6363 2009

2009 WINNERS

Narrative

Medal Winner
The Surrender Tree: Poems of Cuba's Struggle for Freedom by Margarita Engle (Henry Holt) YA PS3555 .N4254 S87 2010

Honor Books For Narrative
Just In Case by Yuyi Morales (Roaring Brook/Neal Porter)
Reaching Out by Francisco Jiménez (Houghton Mifflin Company)
The Storyteller’s Candle / La velita de los cuentos, , illustrated by Lulu Delacre, written by Lucía González (Children's Book Press)

Illustration

Medal Winner
Just In Case by Yuyi Morales (Roaring Brook Press/Neal Porter)

Honor Books For Illustration
Papá and Me, illustrated by Rudy Gutierrez, written by Arthur Dorros (Rayo, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers)
The Storyteller’s Candle / La velita de los cuentos, illustrations by Lulu Delacre, written by Lucía González (Children’s Book Press)

2008 WINNERS

Narrative

Medal Winner
The Poet Slave of Cuba: A Biography of Juan Francisco Manzano, Illustrated by Sean Qualls, written by Margarita Engle (Holt) YA PS3555 .N4254 P64 2011

Honor Books For Narrative
Frida: ¡Viva la vida! Long Live Life! By Carmen T. Bernier-Grand (Marshall Cavendish)
Martina the Beautiful Cockroach: A Cuban Folktale, illustrated by Michael Austin, Written by Carmen Agra Deedy (Peachtree)
Los Gatos Black on Halloween, illustrated by Yuyi Morales, written by Marisa Montes. (Holt)

Illustration

Medal Winner
Los Gatos Black on Halloween, illustrated by Yuyi Morales, written by Marisa Montes. (Holt)

Honor Books For Illustration
My Name is Gabito: The Life of Gabriel García Márquez/Me llamo Gabito: la vida de Gabriel García Márquez, illustrated by Raúl Colón, written by Monica Brown (Luna Rising) PicBk PQ8180.17 .A73 Z613 2007
My Colors, My World/Mis colores, mi mundo by Maya Christina Gonzalez (Children's Book Press)

2006 WINNERS

Narrative

Medal Winner
The Tequila Worm by Viola Canales. (Wendy Lamb Books a division of Random House) YA PZ7 .C161643 Te 2012

Honor Books for Narrative
César: ¡Sí, Se Puede! Yes, We Can! , Illustrated by David Diaz, written By Carmen T. Bernier-Grand (Marshall Cavendish)
Doña Flor: A Tall Tale About a Giant Woman with a Great Big Heart, Illustrated by Raul Colón, written By Pat Mora (Alfred A. Knopf, a division of Random House) PicBk PZ7 .M78819 Don 2005
Becoming Naomi León by Pam Muñoz Ryan (Scholastic Press) YA PZ7 .R9553 Be 2004

Illustration
Medal Winner:
Doña Flor: A Tall Tale About a Giant Woman with a Great Big Heart, Illustrated by Raul Colón, written By Pat Mora (Alfred A. Knopf, a division of Random House) PicBk PZ7 .M78819 Don 2005

Honor Books For Illustration
Arrorró, Mi Niño: Latino Lullabies and Gentle Games Selected and illustrated by Lulu Delacre (Lee & Low Books, Inc.) Easy PZ74.3 .A77 2004
César: ¿Sí, Se Puede! Yes, We Can! , Illustrated by David Diaz, written By Carmen T. Bernier-Grand (Marshall Cavendish)
My Name Is Celia/ Me Llamo Celia: The Life of Celia Cruz/ La Vida de Celia Cruz, Illustrated by Rafael López, written by Monica Brown (Luna Rising a bilingual imprint of Rising Moon) PicBk ML3930 .C96 B76 2004

2004 WINNERS

Narrative

Medal Winner
Before We Were Free by Julia Alvarez (Alfred A. Knopf) YA PS3551 .L845 B44 2004

Honor Books For Narrative
Cuba 15 by Nancy Osa (Delacorte Press) YA PZ7 .O785 Cu 2011
My Diary from Here to There/Mi Diario de Aquí Hasta Allá by Amada Irma Pérez (Children's Book Press) Easy PZ73 .P4654

Illustration

Medal Winner

Honor Books for Illustration
First Day in Grapes, illustrated by Robert Casilla, written by L. King Pérez (Lee & Low Books, Inc) PicBk PZ7 .P4256 Fl 2002
Harvesting Hope: The Story of Cesar Chavez, illustrated by Yuyi Morales, written by Kathleen Krull. (Harcourt Inc) PicBk HD6509 .C45 K78 2003

2002 WINNERS

Narrative

Medal Winner
Esperanza Rising by Pam Munoz Ryan (Scholastic Press) YA PZ7 .R9553 Es 2007
Honor Books For Narrative
Breaking Through by Francisco Jiménez. (Houghton Mifflin Company)
Iguanas in the Snow, Illustrated by Maya Christina Gonzalez, written by Francisco X. Alarcón (Children's Book Press)

Illustration

Medal Winner
Chato and the Party Animals, Illustrated by Gary Soto written by Susan Guevara (G.P. Putnam's Sons)

Honor Book For Illustration
Juan Bobo Goes to Work illustrated by Joe Cepeda, retold by Marisa Montes. (Harper Collins)

2000 WINNERS

Narrative

Medal Winner
Under the Royal Palms: A Childhood in Cuba by Alma Flor Ada (Atheneum Books)

Honor Books for Narrative
From the Bellybutton of the Moon and Other Summer Poems/ Del Ombligo de la Luna y Otro Poemas de Verano, Illustrated by Maya Christina Gonzalez, written by Francisco X. Alarcón. (Children's Book Press)
Laughing out Loud, I Fly: Poems in English and Spanish, illustrated by Karen Barbour, written by Juan Felipe Herrera. (HarperCollins)

Illustration

Medal Winner
Magic Windows by Carmen Lomas Garza (Children's Book Press)

Honor Books For Illustration
Barrio: José's Neighborhood by George Ancona (Harcourt Brace)
The Secret Stars, illustrated by Felipe Dávalos, written by Joseph Slate (Marshall Cavendish)
Mama & Papa Have a Store, illustrated and written by Amelia Lau Carling (Dial Books) PicBk PZ7 .C216354 2016

1998 WINNERS

Narrative

Medal Winner
Honor Books For Narrative
Laughing Tomatoes and Other Spring Poems / Jitomates Risueños y otros poemas de primavera, illustrated by Maya Christina Gonzalez written by Francisco X Alarcón (Children's Book Pres) PicBk PS3551 .L22 L38 1997

Illustration
Medal Winner
Snapshots from the Wedding, illustrated by Stephanie Garcia, written by Gary Soto (Putnam) PicBk PZ7 .S7242 Sn 1997

Honor Books For Illustration
In My Family / En mi familia, illustrated and written by Carmen Lomas Garza (Children's Book Press) PicBk E184 .S75 G3697 1996
The Golden Flower: a Taino Myth from Puerto Rico, illustrated by Enrique O. Sánchez, written by Nina Jaffe (Simon & Schuster)

1996 WINNERS

Narrative
Medal Winner

Honor Books For Narrative
The Bossy Gallito / El Gallo de Bodas: A Traditional Cuban Folktale illustrated by Lulu Delacre, retold by Lucía González (Scholastic)
Baseball in April, and Other Stories by Gary Soto (Harcourt) YA PZ7 .S7242 1990

Illustration
Medal Winner
Chato's Kitchen illustrated by Susan Guevara, written by Gary Soto (Putnam) Easy PZ7 .S7242 Ch 1995

Honor Books For Illustration
Pablo Remembers: The Fiesta of the Day of the Dead, illustrated and written by George Ancon (Lothrop) PicBk F1210 .A75 1993
The Bossy Gallito / El Gallo de Bodas: A Traditional Cuban Folktale illustrated by Lulu Delacre, retold by Lucía González (Scholastic)
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