

## 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)

*Planting Stories: The life of librarian and storyteller Pura Belpré* by Anika Aldamuy Denise (HarperCollins)

**PicBk Z720 .B426 P57 2019**

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

#### 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**

*Islandborn*, illustrated by Leo Espinosa, written by Junot Diaz (Dial Books for Young Readers, Penguin Random House) **PicBk PZ7.1 .D4988 Is**

*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**

*La Princesa and the Pea*, illustrated by Juana Martinez-Neal, written by Susan Middleton Elya (G. P. Putnam's Sons/Penguin Random House) **PicBk PZ8.3 .E514 Pr 2017**

#### **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

*Esquivell!: 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 Dominguez, 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 Dominguez, 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

*Little Roja Riding Hood*, illustrated by Susan Guevara written by Susan Middleton Elya (G. P. Putnam's Sons/Penguin) **Easy PZ8.3 .E514 Lit 2014**

*Green Is a Chile Pepper*, illustrated by John Parra, written by Roseanne Greenfield Thong (Chronicle)  
*Separate Is Never Equal: Sylvia Mendez & Her Family's Fight for Desegregation* by Duncan Tonatiuh (Abrams)  
**PicBk LC214.2 .T66 2014**

## 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)

*Dear Primo: A Letter to My Cousin*, illustrated and written by Duncan Tonatiuh (Abrams) **Easy PZ7 .T66414 Le 2010**

## **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; Celebremos 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)

What Can You Do With a Rebozo? Illustrated by Amy Córdova, Written by Carmen Tafolla (Tricycle Press, an imprint of Ten Speed Press) **Easy PZ7 .T1165 Wha 2009**

## **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**

*Just a Minute: A Trickster Tale and Counting Book* by Yuyi Morales (Chronicle Books) **PicBk PZ8.1 .M7955 Ju 2003**

#### **Honor Books for Illustration**

*First Day in Grapes*, illustrated by Robert Casilla, written by L. King Pérez (Lee & Low Books, Inc)  
**PicBk PZ7 .P4256 Fi 2002**

*The Pot That Juan Built*. David Diaz, Illustrated and written by Nancy Andrews-Goebel (Lee & Low Books, Inc)  
**Easy NK4210 .Q49 A87 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)

**PicBk PS3551 .L22 F76 1998**

*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**

*Parrot in the Oven: mi vida* by Victor Martinez (Joanna Cotler/HarperCollins) **YA PZ7 .M36718 1998**

## 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 Press) **PicBk PS3551 .L22 L38 1997**  
*Spirits of the High Mesa* by Floyd Martinez (Arte Público Press) **YA PS3563 .A733343 S68 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)  
*Gathering the Sun: an Alphabet in Spanish and English*, illustrated by Simón Silva written by Alma Flor Ada, English translation by Rosa Zubizarreta (Lothrop) **Easy PQ7079.2 .A32 G38 1997**

## 1996 WINNERS

### Narrative

#### Medal Winner

*An Island Like You: Stories of the Barrio*, illustrated by Lulu Delacre, written by Judith Ortiz Cofer (Melanie Kroupa / Orchard Books) **YA PZ7 .O765 1996**

#### 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 Ancona (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)  
*Family Pictures / Cuadros de Familia* by Carmen Lomas Garza, Spanish language text by Rosalma Zubizarreta (Children's Book Press) **PicBk E184 .S75 L66 1990**

The award is named after Pura Belpré, the first Latina librarian at the New York Public Library. The Pura Belpré Award, established in 1996, is presented annually 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. It is co-sponsored by the Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC), a division of the American Library Association (ALA), and REFORMA, the National Association to Promote Library and Information Services to Latinos and the Spanish-Speaking, an ALA affiliate.

