

# Pura Belpré Book Awards

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The Pura Belpré Award, established in 1996, is presented 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 the National Association to Promote Library and Information Services to Latinos and the Spanish-Speaking (REFORMA), an ALA affiliate. The award is named after Pura Belpré, the first Latina librarian at the New York Public Library. As a children's librarian, storyteller, and author, she enriched the lives of Puerto Rican children in the U.S.A. through her pioneering work of preserving and disseminating Puerto Rican folklore.

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1996	<i>An Island Like You: Stories of the Barrio</i> <i>Chato's Kitchen</i>	Cofer (A) Guevara (I)
1998	<i>Parrot in the Oven: Mi Vida</i> <i>Snapshots from the Wedding</i>	Martinez (A) Garcia (I)
2000	<i>Under the Royal Palms: A Childhood in Cuba</i> <i>Magic Windows</i>	Ada (A) Garza (I)
2002	<i>Esperanza Rising</i> <i>Chato and the Party Animals</i>	Ryan (A) Guevara (I)
2004	<i>Before We Were Free</i> <i>Just a Minute: A Trickster Tale and Counting Book</i>	Alvarez (A) Morales (I)
2006	<i>The Tequila Worm</i> <i>Doña Flor: A Tall Tale About a Giant Woman With a Great Big Heart</i>	Canales (A) Colón (I)
2008	<i>The Poet Slave of Cuba: A Biography of Juan Francisco Manzano</i> <i>Los Gatos Black on Halloween</i>	Engle (A) Morales (I)
2009	<i>The Surrender Tree: Poems of Cuba's Struggle for Freedom</i> <i>Just in Case</i>	Engle (A) Morales (I)
2010	<i>Return to Sender</i> <i>Book Fiesta!: Celebrate Children's Day/Book Day; Celebramos El día de los niños/El día de los libros</i>	Alvarez (A) López(I)
2011	<i>The Dreamer</i> <i>Grandma's Gift</i>	Ryan (A) Velasquez (I)

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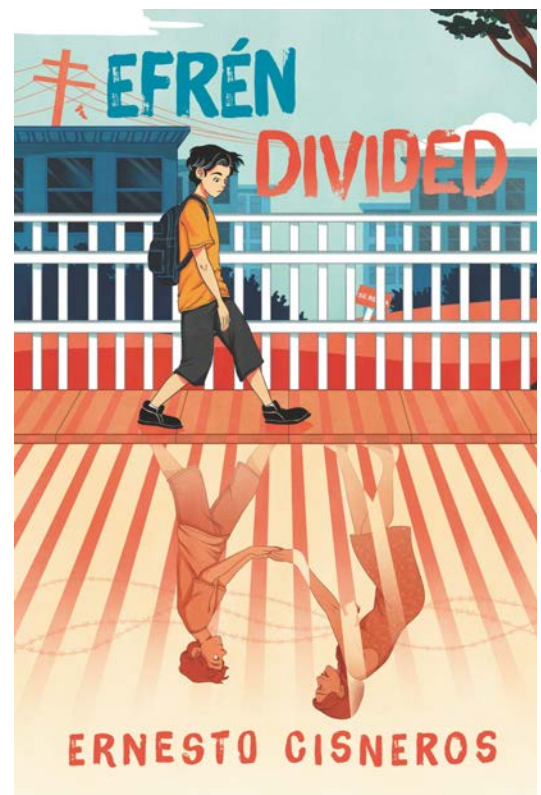
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2012	<i>Under the Mesquite</i> <i>Diego Rivera: His World and Ours</i>	McCall (A) Tonatiuh (I)
2013	<i>Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe</i> <i>Martín de Porres: The Rose in the Desert</i>	Sáenz(A) Diaz (A)
2014	<i>Yaqui Delgado Wants to Kick Your Ass</i> <i>Niño Wrestles the World</i>	Medina (A) Morales (I)
2015	<i>I Lived on Butterfly Hill</i> <i>Viva Frida</i>	Agosín(A) Morales (I)
2016	<i>Enchanted Air: Two Cultures, Two Wings: A Memoir</i> <i>Drum Dream Girl</i>	Engle (A) López (I)
2017	<i>Juana &amp; Lucas</i> <i>Lowriders to the Center of the Earth</i>	Medina (A) Gonzalez (I)
2018	<i>Lucky Broken Girl</i> <i>La Princesa and the Pea</i>	Behar (A) Martinez-Neal (I)
2019	<i>The Poet X</i> <i>Dreamers</i>	Acevedo (A) Morales (I)
2020	<i>Sal and Gabi Break the Universe</i> <i>Dancing Hands: How Teresa Carreño Played the Piano for President Lincoln</i>	Hernandez (A) López (I)
2021	<i>Efrén Divided</i> <i>¡Vamos! Let's Go Eat</i>	Cisneros (A) Gonzalez (I)



## 2021 Winners

*Efrén Divided*. Written by Ernesto Cisneros

*¡Vamos! Let's Go Eat*. Illustrated by Raúl Gonzalez

## 2021 Honor Books

*The Total Eclipse of Nestor Lopez*. Written by Adrianna Cuevas

*Lupe Wong Won't Dance*. Written by Donna Barba Higuera

*Sharuko: El Arqueólogo Peruano/ Peruvian Archaeologist Julio C. Tello*. Illustrated by Elisa Chavarri