

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; Celebremos 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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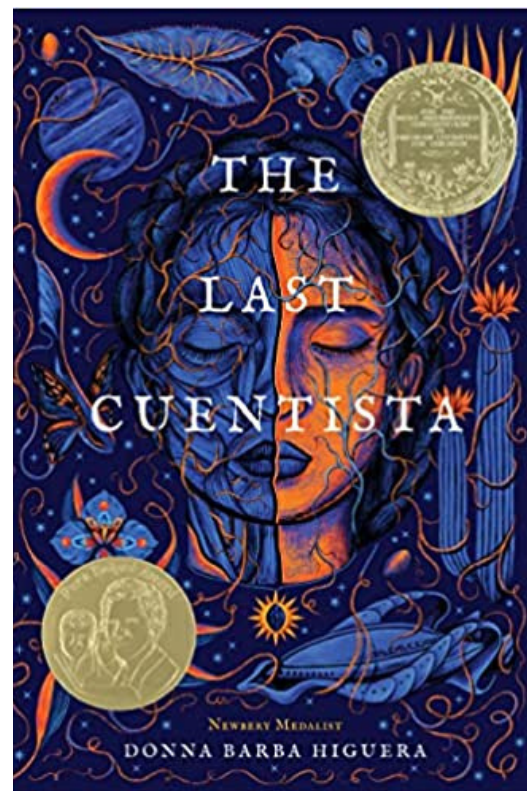
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2012	<i>Under the Mesquite</i> <i>Diego Rivera: His World and Ours</i>	McCall (A) Tonatiuh (I)
2013	<i>Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe</i> <i>Martín de Porres: The Rose in the Desert</i>	Sáenz(A) Diaz (A)
2014	<i>Yaqui Delgado 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 & 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)
2022	<i>The Last Cuentista</i> <i>¡Vamos! Let's Cross the Bridge</i>	Higuera (A) Gonzalez (I)



2022 Winners

The Last Cuentista. Written by Donna Barba Higuera

¡Vamos! Let's Cross the Bridge. Illustrated by Raúl Gonzalez

2022 Honor Books

Barefoot Dreams of Petra Luna. Written by Alda P. Dobbs

Boogie Boogie, Y'all. Illustrated by C. G. Esperanza

Bright Star. Illustrated by Yuyi Morales

Child of the Flower-Song People: Luz Jiménez, Daughter of the Nahua. Written by Gloria Amescua

De aquí como el coquí. Written & illustrated by Nomar Perez

May Your Life Be Deliciosa. Illustrated by Loris Lora