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## Nonfiction and Biographies

### Nonfiction

Brimner, Larry Dane and Maya Christina Gonzalez. *Without Separation: Prejudice, Segregation, and the Case of Roberto Alvarez* (379.263 BRI). The real-life events of the 1931 Superior Court of California school desegregation case of Roberto Alvarez v. the Board of Trustees of the Lemon Grove School District.

Delacre, Lulu. *Cool Green: Amazing, Remarkable Trees\** (582.16 DEL). As he works with his young granddaughter to nurture a potted sapling, a landscaper shares his love and admiration of trees.

Engle, Margarita. *The Sculptors of Light: Poems About Cuban Woman Artists* (811 ENG). This poetry collection highlights the lives and legacies of eight Cuban women who have redefined art in their communities, from folk art to photography, architecture to painting, sculpture to music.

Ferrada, María José. *Niños: Poems for the Lost Children of Chile* (861.7 FER). This collection explores the hopes of the thirty-four children disappeared and killed during Augusto Pinochet's regime in Chile.

García Esperón, María. *The Sea-Ringed World: Sacred Stories of the Americas\** (398.2 GAR). A collection of stories from nations and cultures across the American continents, from the Andes all the way up to Alaska.

Gerster, Michelle and Gricelda. *Travesía: A Migrant Girl's Cross-Border Journey = el viaje de una joven migrante* (305.906 GER). This bilingual graphic memoir tells the story of Gricelda, a fifteen-year-old Mexican girl who crosses the border into America with her mother and younger brother in search of a better life.

Gualinga, Patricia. *Stand as Tall as the Trees: How an Amazonian Community Protected the Rain Forest\** (333.751 GUA). One activist's story shows how indigenous communities can fight to protect their sacred lands—and win.

Hear My Voice/Escucha mi voz: *The Testimonies of Children Detained at the Southern Border of the United States* (305.906 HEA). Every day, children in migration are detained at the US-Mexico border. They are scared, alone, and their lives are in limbo. This book shares, in Spanish and English, their unique stories.

Hernández, Beatriz Gutiérrez. *Pearls in the Sand: Protecting Sea Turtles in Oaxaca* (597.928 HER). Papá Grande was once a sea turtle poacher but now he spends his days and nights caring for these endangered creatures. From greeting the turtles on the beach to protecting their eggs in the carefully constructed hatchery, there's always something to do to help these turtles fight against looming extinction.

Levinson, Cynthia and Mirelle Ortega. *Free to Learn: How Alfredo Lopez Fought for the Right to Go to School* (344.079 LEV). The story of Plyler v. Doe, the Supreme Court ruling that mandated that public schools educate all U.S. residents, including undocumented ones.

Martínez, Claudia Guadalupe. *Not a Monster\** (597.858 MAR). An axolotl egg hatches and matures in the Xochimilco canals in Mexico City, the only natural habitat of these unique salamanders that spend their lives in water.

Menéndez, Juliet. *Latinitas: Celebrating 40 Big Dreamers\** (920.72 MEN). A celebration of Latinas and Latin American women who followed their dreams, with portraits and short bios.

Mora, Pat. *My Magic Wand: Growing with the Seasons* (811 MOR). Poems that celebrate family, childhood experiences, and the pure pleasure a young girl feels as she grows and learns all year long.

Mujica Cordano, José Alberto. *José Speaks Out* (363.7 MUJ). An illustrated version of climate activist and past president of Uruguay José Mujica's moving speech to the UN.

Ramos, NoNieqa. *Best Believe: The Tres Hermanas, a Sisterhood for the Common Good* (305.42 RAM). Rhythmic verse presents three sisters who moved from Puerto Rico to New York City as children and grew up to be pioneering activists in their Bronx community, focusing on schools, libraries, and the arts.

Rivera, Zayda. *Being Bruja: A Young Mystic's Guide\** (133.43 RIV). A comprehensive and inclusive guide focused on introducing the practice of Brujería for curious young mystics. Learn about the brief history and origin of the practice and the word bruja, the tools needed for the practice, beginner rituals, how to connect with the earth and your ancestors, spiritual cleansings and protection, and how to incorporate Brujería into your daily practice.



Robbins, Dean and Eric Velasquez. *Mambo Mucho Mambo! The Dance That Crossed Color Lines\** (793.3 ROB). In 1940s New York City, Italians and Puerto Ricans were forbidden to dance together... until a band and a ballroom broke the rules. Machito and His Afro-Cubans hit the scene with the sound of Latin jazz, then the Palladium Ballroom issued a bold challenge to segregation and opened to all.

Romo, David Dorado. *Race to the Truth: Borderlands and the Mexican American Story* (973.046 ROM). The true story of America from the Mexican American perspective.

Salazar, Aida. *In the Spirit of a Dream: 13 Stories of American Immigrants of Color* (920 SAL). Many immigrants set out across continents, oceans, and borders, traveling to the U.S. in pursuit of opportunity.

Tonatiuh, Duncan. *Game of Freedom: Mestre Bimba and the Art of Capoeira\** (792.8 TON). Although it is debated when and where capoeira—an art form that blends martial arts, dance, acrobatics, music, and spirituality—originated exactly, one thing is certain: in the early 20th century, Brazil was the only country in the world where capoeira was played.

Vourvoulis, Sabrina. *Nuestra América: 30 Inspiring Latinas/Latinos Who Have Shaped the United States\** (920.009 VOU). From the Smithsonian Latino Center, *Nuestra América* highlights the inspiring stories of thirty Latina/o/xs throughout history and their incredible contributions to the cultural, social, and political character of the United States.

\* This title is also available in Spanish in the Kids World Languages section.

\*Este título también está disponible en español en la sección Idiomas del Mundo para Niños.

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### Libros en español

Ada, Alma Flor. *Mamá Goose: un tesoro de rimas infantiles* (398.8 ADA).

Alonso, Nathalie. *¡Llévame al juego de béisbol!* (796.357 ALO).

Andricain, Sergio. *A lomo de cuento por Colombia: el hijo del sol y de la luna* (986.1 AND).

Armengol, David. *Esto es arte: las obras que tienes que conocer para descifrar el mundo* (709 ARM).

Díaz, Gloria Cecilia. *Cuentos y leyendas de América Latina* (398.2 DÍA).

Fernández, Pedro J. *Había una vez mexicanas que hicieron historia* (920.72 FER, serie).

Granero, Nono. *Tarde en el acuario* (811 GRA).

Martin, Raphaël. *Veo veo, ¿qué ves?: Un libro que desafía la imaginación* (508 MAR).

Martínez, Frida. *Super deportistas mexicanos* (796.092 MAR).

Mills, Deborah y Alfredo Alva. *La Frontera: El viaje con papá* (375.272 MIL).

Pérez, Maite. *Dormir a pata suelta* (591.519 PER).

Pintado, Carlos. *HaiCuba: haikus sobre Cuba* (972.91 PIN).

Remussi, Diego. *Leyendas de los Incas, Mayas y Aztecas: contadas para niños y Leyendas de los mapuches: contadas para niños* (398.2 REM).

Sayalero, Myriam. *Los cuentos que nunca nos contaron* (398.2 SAY).

### Biographies

*Path to the Stars: My Journey from Girl Scout to Rocket Scientist* (Sylvia ACEVEDO).

*The Flying Girl: How Aida de ACOSTA Learned to Soar\**.

*Island Treasures: Growing up in Cuba* (Alma Flor ADA).

Alicia ALONSO *Dances On*.

*Nacho's Nachos: The Story Behind the World's Favorite Snack* (ANAYA).

*A Plate of Hope: The Inspiring Story of Chef José ANDRÉS and World Central Kitchen*.

Serena AUÑÓN-CHANCELLOR.

BAD BUNNY\*.

*Pura's Cuentos: How Pura BELPRÉ Reshaped Libraries With Her Stories*.

*Dancing Hands: How Teresa CARREÑO Played the Piano for President Lincoln\**.

*Small Room, Big Dreams: The Journey of Julián and Joaquín CASTRO\**.

*Al ritmo de Petra* (CEPEDA, Libros en español).

*Who was the Voice of the People?: Cesar CHAVEZ* (Graphic Novel Biography).

*Call Me Roberto!: Roberto CLEMENTE Goes to Bat for Latinos\**.

Celia CRUZ, *Queen of Salsa*.

Oscar DE LA RENTA.

*Sing, Don't Cry* (Apolinar Navarrete DIAZ).

ESQUIVEL! *Space-Age Sound Artist\**.

José FELICIANO.

Christiana FIGUERES, *Friend of the Rainforest*.

Pope FRANCIS: *Builder of Bridges*.

Selena GOMEZ.

*How to Hear the Universe: Gaby GONZÁLEZ and the Search for Einstein's Ripples in Space-Time*.

*Digging for Words: José Alberto GUTIÉRREZ and the Library He Built*.

*Danza! Amalia HERNÁNDEZ and el Ballet Folklórico de México*.

*I Got This: To Gold and Beyond* (Laurie HERNANDEZ).

*Imagine\** (Juan Felipe HERRERA).

*Once I Was You: Finding My Voice and Passing the Mic\** (Maria HINOJOSA).

Dolores HUERTA: *Hero to Migrant Workers*.

*Child of the Flower-Song People: Luz JIMÉNEZ, Daughter of the Nahuá*.

Benito JUÁREZ *Fights for Justice*.

Frida KAHLO's *Flower Crown*.

*¡José!: nacido para bailar: la historia de José LIMÓN* (Libros en español).

*Becoming Maria: Love and Chaos in the South Bronx* (Sonia MANZANO).

*My Name is Gabito: The Life of Gabriel García MARQUEZ\**.

MARTÍ'S *Song for Freedom = Martí y sus versos por la libertad*.

*The Girl from Chimel* (Rigoberta MENCHÚ).

*Queen of Leaves: Botanist Ynes MEXIA*.

*Mario and the Hole in the Sky: How a Chemist Saved our Planet* (MOLINA).

*Areli is a Dreamer: A True Story* (MORALES)\*.

*A Girl Named Rosita: Rita MORENO: Actor, Singer, Dancer, Trailblazer!\**

Pablo NERUDA: *Poet of the People*.

*Phenomenal AOC: The Roots and Rise of Alexandria OCASIO-CORTEZ*.

*Ellen Takes Flight: Astronaut Ellen OCHOA*.

*Free Lunch* (Rex OGLE).

Pedro PASCAL.

*Little People, Big Dreams: Pablo PICASSO*.

*Funny Bones: POSADA and His Day of the Dead Calaveras*.

Tito PUENTE, *Mambo King = Tito Puente, Rey del Mambo\**.

*Daughter of the Light-Footed People: The Story of Indigenous Marathon Champion Lorena RAMÍREZ*.

*Lady of the Lines: How Maria REICHE Saved the Nazca Lines by Sweeping the Desert*.

Diego RIVERA: *His World and Ours*.

Sylvia RIVERA.

*Soldier for Equality: José de la Luz SÁENZ and the Great War*.

Alberto SALAS *Plays Paka Paka con la Papa: Join the Quest with Peru's Famed Scientist and Potato Expert\**.

*When Angels Sing: The Story of Rock Legend Carlos SANTANA*.

*Sing with Me: The Story of SELENA Quintanilla*.

*My Corner of the Ring: A Memoir from a Champ* (Jesselyn SILVA).

*The Beloved World of Sonia SOTOMAYOR\**.

Mercedes SOSA, *the Voice of the People\**.

*Sharuko: Peruvian Archaeologist Julio C. TELLO\**.

*Jovita Wore Pants: A Mexican Freedom Fighter\** (Jovita VALDOVINOS MEDINA).