



Pura Belpré Award

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 given every two years. 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.

Pura Belpré Author Award

- 2020** *Sal & Gabi Break the Universe* by Carlos Hernandez • J Hern
- 2019** *Poet X* by Elizabeth Acevedo • YA Acev
- 2018** *Lucky Broken Girl* by Ruth Behar • J Beha
- 2017** *Juana & Lucas* by Juana Medina • E Med
- 2016** *Enchanted Air: Two Cultures, Two Wings: a Memoir* by Margarita Engle • B Engle YA
- 2015** *I Lived on Butterfly Hill* by Marjorie Agosín • J Agos
- 2014** *Yaqui Delgado Wants to Kick Your ...* by Meg Medina • 3M eBook
- 2013** *Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe* by Benjamin Alire Sáenz • YA Saen
- 2012** *Under the Mesquite* by Guadalupe Garcia McCall • YA Garc
- 2011** *The Dreamer* by Pam Muñoz Ryan • J Ryan
- 2010** *Return to Sender* by Julia Alvarez • not available, may be requested by Inter-Library Loan
- 2009** *The Surrender Tree: Poems of Cuba's Struggle for Freedom* by Margarita Engle • YA Engl
- 2008** *The Poet Slave Of Cuba: A Biography Of Juan Francisco Manzano* By Margarita Engle • B Manzano
- 2006** *The Tequila Worm* by Viola Canales • not available, may be requested by Inter-Library Loan
- 2004** *Before We Were Free* by Julia Alvarez • not available, may be requested by Inter-Library Loan
- 2002** *Esperanza Rising* by Pam Muñoz Ryan • YA Ryan
- 2000** *Under the Royal Palms: A Childhood in Cuba* by Alma Flor Ada • not available, may be requested by Inter-Library Loan
- 1998** *Parrot in the Oven: mi vida* by Victor Martinez • not available, may be requested by Inter-Library Loan

Pura Belpré Illustrator Award

- 2020** *Dancing Hands: How Teresa Carreno Played the Piano for President Lincoln*
by Margarita Engle • JB Carreno, Teresa
- 2019** *Dreamers* by Yuyi Morales • E Mor
- 2018** *La Princesa and the Pea* illus. by Juana Martinez-Neal; by Susan Middleton Elya • E Ely
- 2017** *Lowriders to the Center of the Earth*. Illus. by Raúl Gonzalez; by Cathy Camper • J GN Camp
- 2016** *The Drum Dream Girl*. Illus. by Rafael López; by Margarita Engle • E Eng
- 2015** *Viva Frida* by Yuyi Morales • E Mor
- 2014** *Niño Wrestles the World* by Yuyi Morales • E Mor
- 2013** *Martín de Porres: the Rose in the Desert*. Illus. by David Diaz; written by Gary D. Schmidt • J282.092 Sch
- 2012** *Diego Rivera: His World and Ours* by Duncan Tonatiuh • JB Rivera, Diego
- 2011** *Grandma's Gift* by Eric Velasquez • E Vel
- 2010** *Book Fiesta* by Pat Mora • E Mor
- 2009** *Just In Case: a Trickster Tale and Spanish Alphabet Book* by Yuyi Morales • E Mor
- 2008** *Los Gatos Black On Halloween* By Marisa Montes • E Mon
- 2006** *Doña Flor: A Tall Tale About a Giant Woman with a Great Big Heart*. Illus. by Raul Colón; written by Pat Mora. • E Mor
- 2004** *Just a Minute: a Trickster Tale and Counting Book* by Yuyi Morales. • J398.2972 Mor
- 2002** *Chato and the Party Animals* Illus. by Susan Guevara; by Gary Soto • E Sot
- 2000** *Magic Windows* by Carmen Lomas Garza • not available, may be requested by Inter-Library Loan
- 1998** *Snapshots from the Wedding* Illus. by Stephanie Garcia; by Gary Soto • not available, may be requested by Inter-Library Loan
- 1996** *Chato's Kitchen* Illus. by Susan Guevara; by Gary Soto • E Sot

