



LATINÉ HERITAGE MONTH

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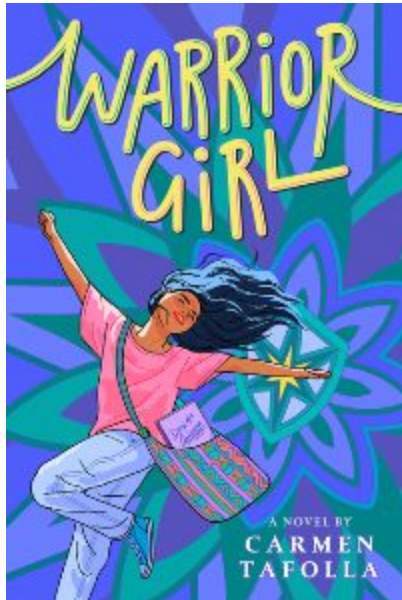
**September
2024**

Latiné Heritage Month takes place from September 15 to October 15 every year as a time to recognize and celebrate the many contributions, diverse cultures, and extensive histories of the Latiné community.

During this month and throughout the year, the Jane Addams Peace Association honors and celebrates the history, heritage, and accomplishments of the Latiné community, both past and present.

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Booklist for Latiné Heritage Month



***Warrior Girl*, by Carmen Tafolla**

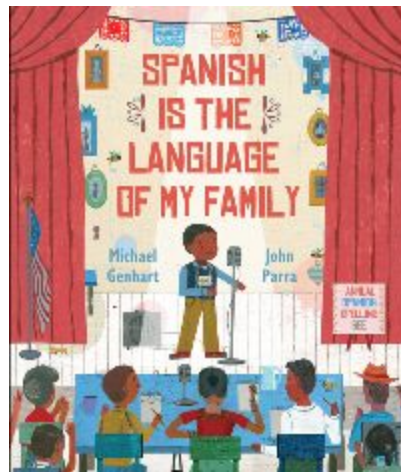
Celina is bilingual and celebrates both American and Mexican traditions. When a pandemic hits and her dad is deported, she must find joy through her heritage and finding her inner voice.

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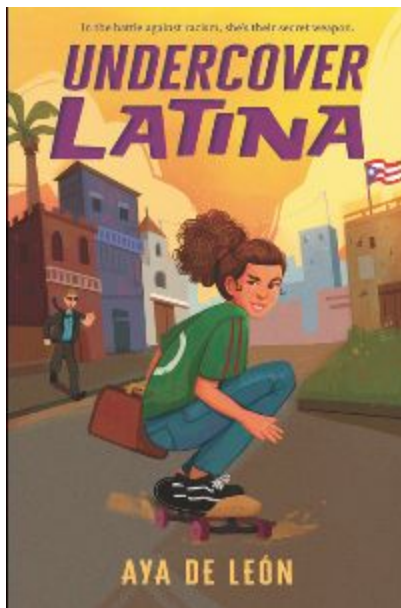
***Spanish Is The Language of My Family*, by Michael Genhart and illustrated by John Parra**

When a young boy asks his grandma for help studying for a Spanish spelling bee, she tells him that she wasn't allowed to speak Spanish in school when she was his age. The young boy feels more determined to study and celebrate his heritage at school.



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***Undercover Latina*, by Aya De León**

Andréa Hernández-Baldoquín works as a spy at only fourteen years old. She is tasked with going undercover as a white girl to befriend the son of a dangerous white supremacist. Can

Andréa keep up the ruse while dealing with the pain of suppressing her identity?

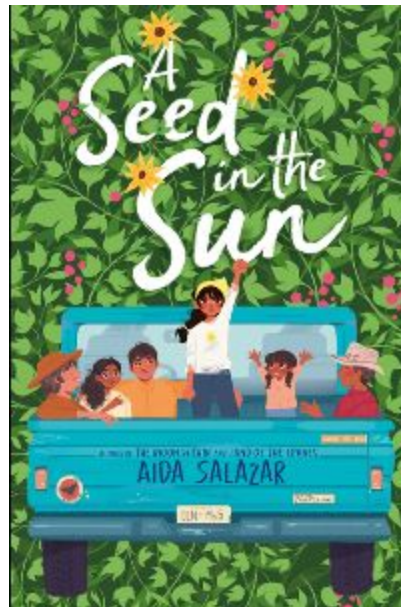
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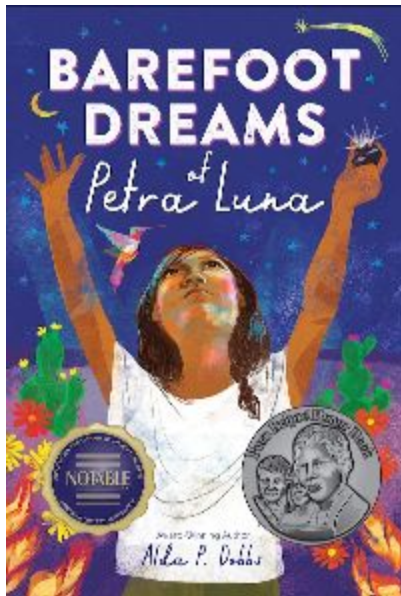
***A Seed In The Sun*, by Aida Salazar**

Lula dreams of someday becoming a ringleader in a traveling circus, but she is stuck harvesting grapes in Delano, California under dangerous conditions. When she meets some labor rights activists, she realizes that the time to speak up and strike is now.

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***Barefoot Dreams of Petra Luna*, by Alda P. Dobbs**

Petra Luna is caught up in the turmoil of the 1913 Revolution in Mexico. When her mother dies and her father is taken away, Petra decides that she will do everything in her power to reunite them and take care of her remaining family members.

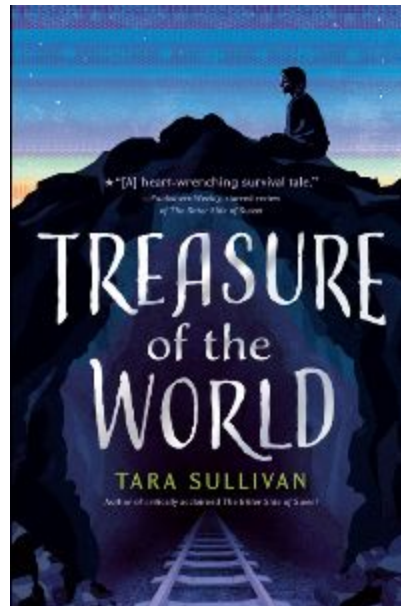
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***Treasure of the World*, by Tara Sullivan**

While living in an impoverished mining community, twelve-year-old Ana finds herself in the depths of danger when she volunteers to work in the mines in the place of her brother, who is often ill. How can Ana survive the mines and make life better for her family?

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Community Highlight

Libélula Books & Co



950 S 26th St, San Diego, CA 92113

This independent bookstore is queer and BIPOC-owned and located in a diverse Arts District in San Diego. They have both used and new books in Spanish and English and believe in representation and accessibility in literature. They have an emphasis on Indigenous, Black, and Chicanx history and have plenty of nonfiction reads focused on social justice and grassroots organizing. Check out their website below to learn about the events they offer, from poetry readings to small music shows!

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Latíné-Focused Book Awards



Américas Book Award

Founded to encourage and commend authors, illustrators, and publishers who produce quality children's and young adult books that portray Latin America, the Caribbean, or Latinés in the United States, and to provide teachers with recommendations for classroom use.



Pura Belpré Award

Sponsored by the American Library Association, honoring Latiné writers and illustrators whose work best portrays, affirms, and celebrates the Latiné cultural experience in an outstanding work of literature for children and youth.



Tomas Rivera Children's Book Award

Honoring authors and illustrators who create children's literature depicting the Mexican American experience that is accurate and engaging, avoid stereotypes, and reflects rich characterization.

Resource Highlight

Fundacion Cuatrogatos



The Cuatrogatos Foundation is located in Miami, FL. This non-profit is dedicated to preserving Latiné cultural heritage in the United States, promoting the publishing of books in Spanish, and emphasizing the importance of reading and literature through education.

Every October, they hold “Fiesta de la lectura” (The Reading Festival) aimed at children, young adults, and teachers wanting to learn more about promoting reading in schools. It has a diverse program filled with everything from poetry recitals to literary workshops.

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Apply For Books In Their Hands



The Jane Addams Peace Association’s mission is to deepen understanding of peace and justice for children and their adults through reflection, dialogue, and social action.

Through our Books in Their Hands program, we bring authors and illustrators either in-person or virtually to Title 1 schools with marginalized populations nationally to share their Jane Addams award-winning books and to speak directly with the students and teachers in the community. We also donate Jane Addams Children's Book Award commended titles into the hands of children.

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The Jane Addams Peace Association perpetuates the spirit of activist and pacifist Jane Addams, her love for children and humanity, her commitment to freedom and democracy, and her devotion to the cause of world peace.

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