

Latiné Heritage Month

September 2025

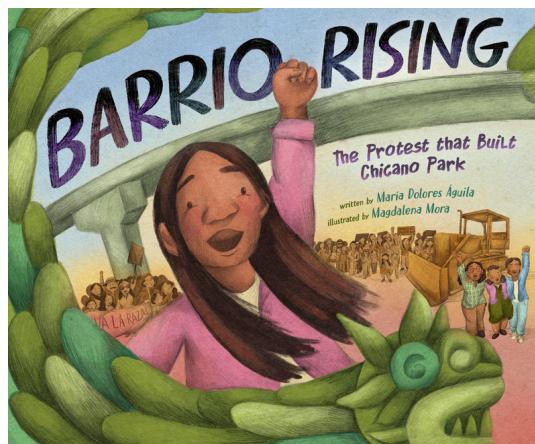
As we start to celebrate Latiné Heritage Month, **we are incredibly grateful for a generous donor who has offered to match all donations made during the month of September** in order to support our efforts to bring more books that highlight Latiné voices and authors to schools with marginalized populations. 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



Barrio Rising: The Protest That Built Chicano Park,
by María Dolores Aguila and Magdalena Mora

Barrio Logan, one of San Diego's oldest Chicano neighborhoods, once brimmed with families. In the decades after WWII, the community lost their beach to factories,

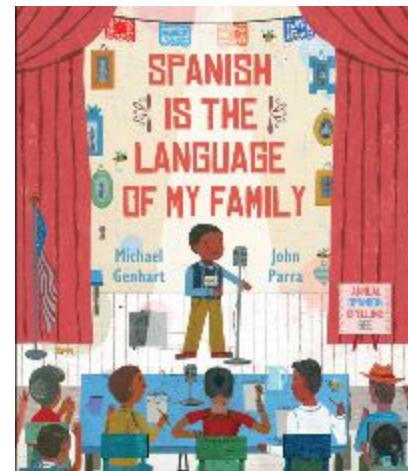
junkyards, and an interstate. On April 22, 1970, residents discovered that the city was not building them a park as promised and was actually breaking ground for a police station. That's when they knew it was time to make their voices heard.

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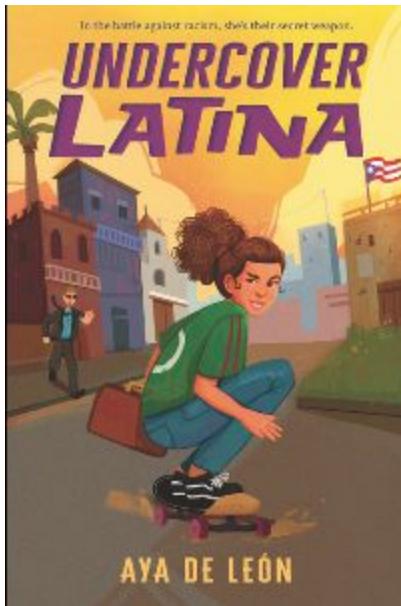
***Spanish Is The Language of My Family*, by Michael Genhart and illustrated by John Parra**

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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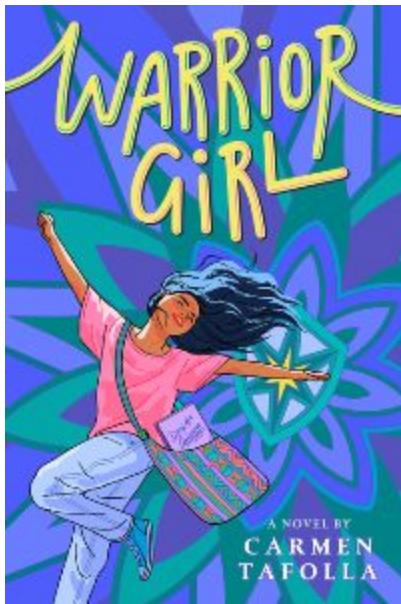
Mani Semilla Finds Her Quetzal Voice, by Anna Lapera

One day, Mani Semilla she finds secret letters between her mom and her Tía Beatriz, who, according to family lore, died in a bus crash before Mani was born. But the letters reveal a different story. Why did her family really leave Guatemala?



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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.

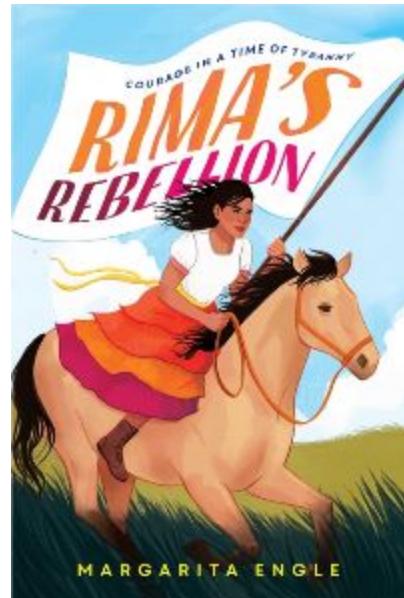
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Rima's Rebellion: Courage in a Time of Tyranny

by Margarita Engle

Rima cherishes the time spent riding horses with her abuela and Las Mambisas, a feminist group who fought during Cuba's war for independence. Though Rima finds freedom in her love of horses and feminist activism, many people in 1920s Cuba would prefer for Rima to be silent.



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Community Highlight

La Libería

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LA Libería is a bookstore located in Los Angeles, California that is dedicated to promoting children's literature in Spanish for kids ages 1-15. They work with schools in the area to help promote bilingual education and host book fairs. In addition to having a physical location, LA Libería also offers a space to [shop online for their books](#). This bookstore was included in the De Los 101 list as an essential Latino organization in L.A.

Check Out Their Website!

Latiné-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.



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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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