

Text Set 3: Representation of Mexico in U.S. Literature

Overview: This text set is an opportunity to embrace the beauty of Mexico and its people. For many, Mexico is more than just a country it is home; filled with love, sweetness, and hope. Mexico lives within each Mexican individual as they go about their day with passion, love, and hard work. From the youngest newborn child to our *abuelitas* and *abuelitos*, being Mexican is pure joy and bliss. This text set is just a small snapshot of Mexico, its people, language, culture, traditions, values, food, music, art, and stories which make Mexico truly exceptional and unique. We encourage you to explore this text set as you dive into indigenous Nahua stories to stories about family, life, food, and culture. Therefore, we invite you to explore this text set as you look closely at the heart of Mexico, its people, and its culture. ¡Viva México!

Picturebooks: Legends, histories, dance, and culture



The Princess and the Warrior

By: Duncan Tonatiuh

Izta and Popoca are determined to be together no matter the circumstances, but there is one thing they must overcome, Popoca must defeat a fierce warrior, Jaguar Claw, in order to wed Izta. Will they be able to fight for one another? Based on the legends behind the mountains Popocatépetl and Iztaccíhuatl that overlook Mexico City, this story follows the heart behind the beautiful legend of Izta and Popoca's love.

Youtube Read Aloud Link:

 **READ ALOUD with Mr. Manny | The Princess and the Warrior | LRRMA**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3Ddk1AEjeak>



Feathered Serpent and the Five Suns: A MesoAmerican Creation Myth

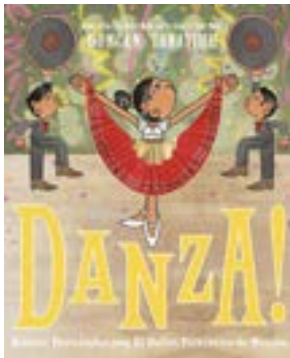
By: Duncan Tonatiuh

One of the most important deities of MesoAmerica, Feathered Serpent, seeks to create humankind. Feathered Serpent knows there is a way to create humankind, but he is going to need to find just the right materials.

The other gods disagree with Feathered Serpent after so many failed attempts, but Feathered Serpent has hope there is a way. Origin story of early Mesoamerica.

Youtube Read Aloud Link:

 **Feathered Serpent & The Five Suns by Author Duncan Tonatiuh**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=szovLlO3gXs>



Danza! Amalia Hernández and El Ballet Folklórico de México

By: Duncan Tonatiuh

The journey of Amalia Hernández in creating her Ballet Folklórico dance studio. Amalia falls in love with the way the women in México danced folklórico. Amalia is persistent in learning more about the dances in México and uses her signature moves to play with folklórico. She opens her own ballet folklórico studio which integrates her dance moves and the beauty of two styles of dance synchronized into one. This book beautifully illustrates the power of dance and culture.

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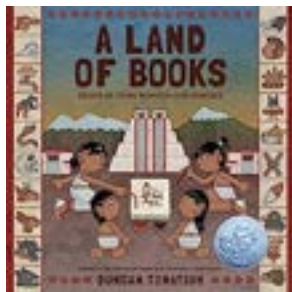
 **READ ALOUD with Mr. Manny | Danza! | LRRMA**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=imMhhp2PGpA>



Child of the Flower-Song People: Luz Jiménez, Daughter of the Nahuatl

By: Gloria Amescua, illustrated by Duncan Tonatiuh

This illustrated biography tells the story of Luz Jiménez, who captures the “soul of México” through her perseverance and dedication to her culture. She finds a way to preserve traditions, stories, and language of the Nahuatl amidst relocating to Mexico City because of the Mexican Revolution. Luz finds new jobs in Mexico City such as modeling for art for Diego Rivera and many other artists, while embracing her cultural identity and the identity of México.



A Land of Books

by Duncan Tonatiuh

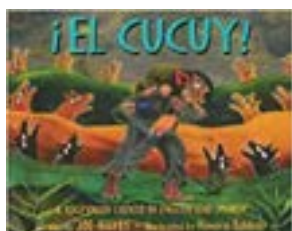
A young Mexihca girl tells her little brother how their parents create beautiful painted manuscripts, or codices. She explains to him how paper is made from local plants and how the long paper is folded into a book. Her parents and others paint the codices to tell the story of their people's way of life, documenting their history, science, tributes, and sacred rituals.



La Malinche: The Princess Who Helped Cortés Conquer The Aztec Empire

By: Francisco Serrano, illustrated by Pablo Serrano

La Malinche, also known as Princess Malinali, was known to play a large role in Hernán Cortés' conquering of Mexico for the Spanish conquistadores. She became an interpreter for Cortés, learning Spanish fairly quickly which allowed her to communicate with the Spanish. She bore a child of Cortés and although some may see her as a traitor to her people, for others her involvement is the beginning of a whole new culture.



El Cucuy! A Boogeyman Cuento in English and In Spanish

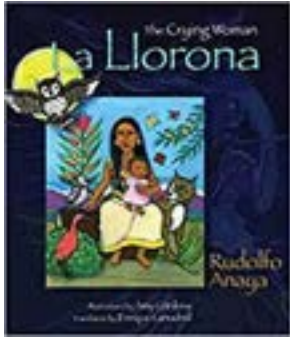
By Joe Hayes, illustrated by Honorio Robledo

A legend told to children as a precaution that the cucuy is a being that comes around to snatch children and take them away. The cucuy is depicted as a horrific being and one to watch out for. This story, passed down for generations, still perseveres to remind children to stay indoors and not wander at night, otherwise the cucuy will come and get you.

Youtube Read Aloud Link:

 **Joe Hayes Narrates El Cucuy!**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xsO-h8L4Xfg>



La Llorona/ The Crying Woman

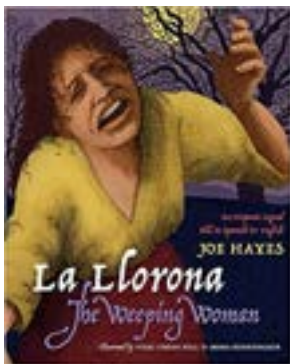
By: Rudolfo Anaya, illustrations by Amy Córdova

Told by Rudolfo Anaya, this story retells the legend of La Llorona, a woman and mother who loses her children in the river and cries out for them at night. This story depicts the loss of loved ones as well as the warning to beware going out at night alone or La llorona will surely come and get you as she searches for her lost children.

Youtube Read Aloud Link:

 **La Llorona by Rudolfo Anaya**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x5EE4hxEvZo>



La Llorona / The Weeping Woman

By: Joe Hayes, illustrated by Vicki Trego Hill

Joe Hayes retells the story of the La Llorona, depicting the legend most popularly known to Mexican American and Mexican children about a woman who lost her children in the river and is seen and heard at night looking for them. This story is used to share wisdom and teach students a lesson in a suspenseful way.

Youtube Read Aloud Link:

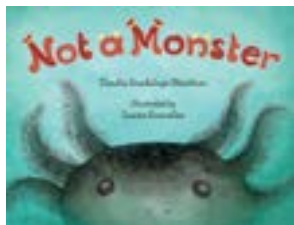
 **La Llorona The Weeping Woman read aloud written by Joe Hayes (Engl..**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YiNKEAiPOLI>

Youtube: Author Talk:

 **Storyteller Joe Hayes: La Llorona The Weeping Woman**

<https://youtu.be/oI8UnhTVn5c>



Not a Monster

By: Claudia Guadalupe Martínez, Laura González

An axolotl may look like one, but it is certainly not a monster. This curious creature, made popular by Minecraft, is actually a salamander that will never lose its gills or fins. *Not a Monster* explores the traits of the axolotl, the Aztec origin myth about the species, and the way pollution is affecting its natural habitat: the canals of Xochimilco in Mexico City.

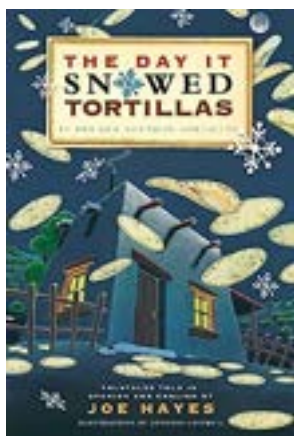
Greater Mexico (Pre-U.S. Era)



The Oldest House in the USA/La Casa Más Antigua de los Estados Unidos

By: Kat Aragon

The oldest house in the US was probably built in the thirteenth century. Over time it has been home to many different people and perhaps most famously, a ghost or two.



The Day it Snowed Tortillas/El Día que nevó tortillas

By: Joe Hayes & Antonio Castro Lopez

Storytellers have been telling these stories in the villages of New Mexico since the Spanish came to the New World over four hundred years ago. In the title story, a clever woman saves her silly husband from a band of robbers. In another story, a young boy gladly gives up his wages for good advice. A clever thief tricks a king for his kingdom and a prince finds his beloved in a house of wicked step-sisters. And of course, the ancient tale of the weeping woman, La Llorona, who still searches for her drowned children along the riverbanks.

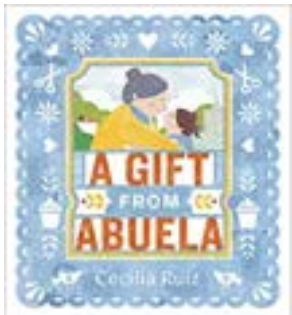
Picturebooks: Traditions, Family, Teachings



Magic: Once Upon A Faraway Land

By: Mirelle Ortega

Growing up on a pineapple farm in Mexico, a girl discovers the true meaning of the word *magic* in this truly magical picture book about change and transformation of all kinds—what we can't control, such as natural disasters and loss, and what we can. Magic can transform dirt into pineapples, seeds into trees, wool into blankets, words into stories, blank pages into pictures and stories into a book.




A Gift From Abuela

By: Cecilia Ruiz

This story follows the heart of a grandmother who deeply loves Nina, her granddaughter. She loves Nina so much that she wants to save her pesos to get her something special. But life gets in the way and abuela cannot purchase the gift. But, Abuela realizes that the best gift of all is the love between her and Nina and that is all Nina really needs.

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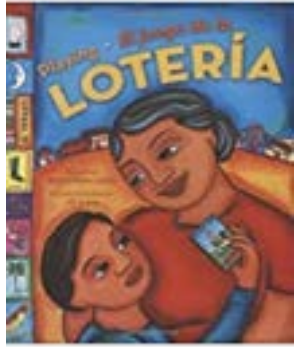
 **A Gift From Abuela w/ Words, Music & EFX**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e4XWxxd7eVI>



Dear Abuelo

by Grecia Huesca Dominguez and Teresa Martinez

There is much Juana is going to miss as she moves from Mexico to New York, but nothing more than her abuelo. Through letters to her grandfather, Juana details her flight, her new apartment, and her first days of school where everyone speaks a language she barely understands. When Juana makes her first friend, though, things begin to change.



Playing Loteria / Jugando Loteria

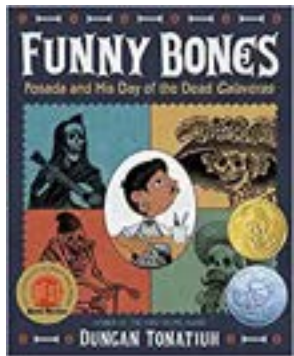
By: René Colato Laínez

A young boy visits his grandma, but he speaks very little Spanish to almost no Spanish, while grandma doesn't know English. However, this doesn't impede their relationship as they work the fair, la feria. A game called lotería brings them together in abuelita's lotería stand. Connections are made and language and culture bring them closer than ever.

Youtube Read Aloud Link:

 **English: Playing Loteria (Bilingual) Read aloud, read along juego**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=orivVf3AScs>



Funny Bones

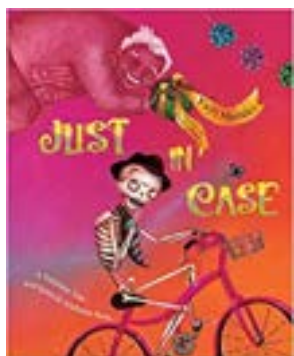
By: Duncan Tonatiuh

This story follows the iconic calaveras drawn and created by Jose Guadalupe Posada (1852-1913). Posada drew in a difficult time where freedom of speech was not allowed. His political cartoons depicting various opinions got attention, but the ones that struck the most were images of the calaveras doing activities. This later became influential and inspirational for the celebration of el día de muertos (Day of the Dead).

Youtube Read Aloud Link:

 **"Funny Bones" by Duncan Tonatiuh**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NR7oZ2jiIHc>



Just In Case

By: Yuyi Morales

Celebrate Abuelita's birthday with Señor Calavera and the whole group on this magical day, to commemorate birthdays and the love for abuelitas everywhere. Through this alphabet picturebook, readers learn about birthday celebrations and memories of those we love.

Youtube Read Aloud Link:

 **Just a Minute: A Trickster Tale and Counting Book | Yuyi Morales | Stor..**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OSifJgKw9wQ>




A New Home

By: Tania de Regil

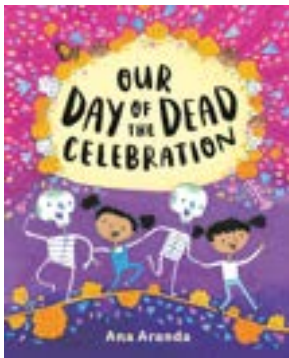
A heartwarming story about leaving your home for a new one as a boy and a girl move to two different places and even countries! They are both scared about the changes, but realize it isn't so bad and that home isn't just a place, but who you are with. So when the boy moves from New York to Mexico City and the girl from Mexico City to New York, they find that things are not as different as they expected it to be.

Youtube Read Aloud Link:

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mwvOlJuRmgs>

Youtube Book Trailer:

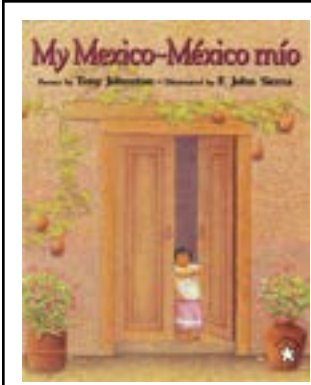
 **A New Home by Tania de Regil, Book Trailer**
<https://youtu.be/k-8WAbCEO7A>



Our Day of the Dead Celebration (also a Spanish ed)

by Ana Aranda

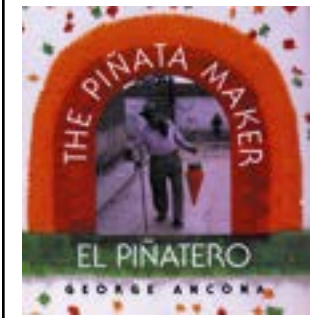
The Day of the Dead is a happy day when Mar's family gathers together. There are favorite dishes to enjoy, games to be played, and most importantly, stories to tell. No one in the family is forgotten because this is the day of the year when the dead come to visit the living as the family takes great joy in celebrating the things that made them special. Mar realizes she is just like her Grandpa Ramón, who kept a journal. And her sister, Paz, plays accordian, just like their great-grandfather. At dinner, Abuelita spins even more stories that make them feel close to the ones they will love forever.



My Mexico-México mío

by Tony Johnston and John Sierra

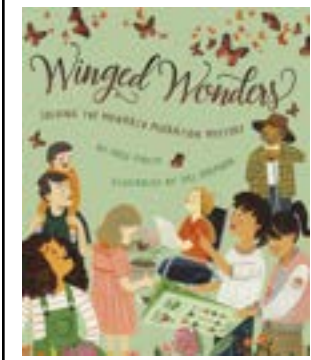
Ranging in subject from the music of Nahuatl to pet iguanas sold at the Taxco Road, a collection of poems about Mexico introduces readers to many different facets of the nation's history and customs.



The Piñata Maker/ El Piñatero

By: George Ancona

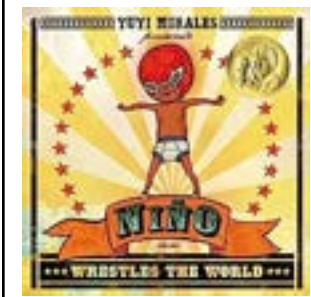
The Piñata Maker/El piñatero documents this traditional Latin American artform and includes a note on how to make piñatas at home.



Winged Wonders

by Meeg Pincus and Yas Imamura

For decades, as the monarch butterflies swooped through every year like clockwork, people from Canada to the United States to Mexico wondered, "Where do they go?" In 1976 the world learned the answer: after migrating thousands of miles, the monarchs roost by the millions in an oyamel grove in Central Mexico's mountains. But who solved this mystery? Was it the scientist or the American adventurer? The citizen scientists or the teacher or his students?



Niño Wrestles the World

By: Yuyi Morales

No opponent is too big a challenge for the cunning skills of Niño—popsicle eater, toy lover, somersault expert, and world champion lucha libre competitor! In this fun story, a boy wrestles with imaginary monsters

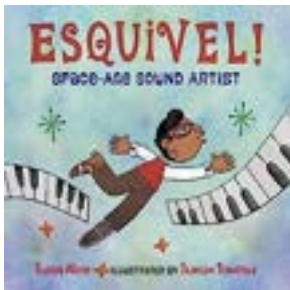
(including an Olmec Head and La Llorona) and adversaries like his younger sisters. This is a joyful book about imagination, play, and siblings.



Rudas: Niños Horrendous Hermanitas

By: Yuyi Morales

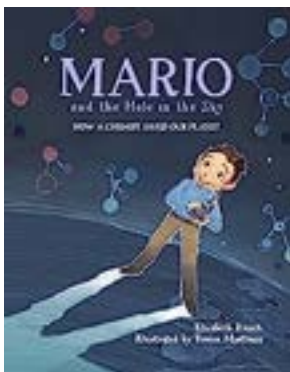
No opponent is too big a challenge for the cunning skills of Las Hermanitas, Lucha Queens! Their Poopy Bomb Blowout will knock em' down! Their Tag-Team Teething will gnaw opponents down to a pulp! Their Pampered Plunder Diversion will fell even the most determined competitor! What happens when Niño comes with a move of his own?



Esquivel! Space-Age Sound Artist

by Susan Wood and Duncan Tonatiuh

Juan Garcia Esquivel was born in Mexico and grew up to the sounds of mariachi bands. He loved music and became a musical explorer. Defying convention, he created music that made people laugh and planted images in their minds. Juan's space-age lounge music--popular in the fifties and sixties--has found a new generation of listeners. Duncan Tonatiuh's quirky illustrations bring Esquivel's spirit to life.

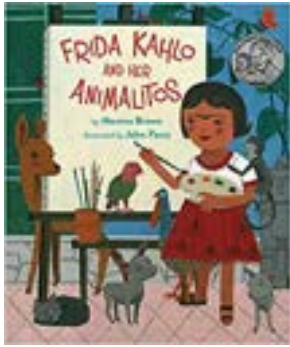


Mario and the Hole in The Sky

by Elizabeth Rusch and Teresa Martinez

Growing up in Mexico City, Mario was a curious boy who studied hidden worlds through a microscope. As a young man in California, he discovered that CFCs, used in millions of refrigerators and spray cans, were tearing a hole in the earth's protective ozone layer. Mario knew the world had to be warned--and quickly. Today Mario is a Nobel laureate and a recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

Picturebooks & Novels: Art, Poems, and Mexican Histories



Frida Kahlo and Her Animalitos

By: Monica Brown, illustrated by John Parra

Beautifully illustrated, this story follows the story and works of Frida Kahlo who is famously known for her self-portraits and artwork depicting México. Follow along this story to learn more about Frida Kahlo, her love of animals, and who she was and why she is so important to the story of México.

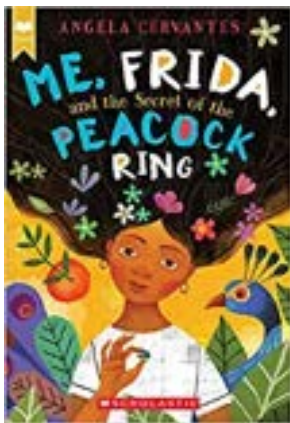
Youtube Read Aloud:

 **Frida Kahlo and Her Animalitos (Literally Cultured Read Aloud)**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gww1nyEKelo>

Youtube Flocabulary song on Frida Kahlo:

<https://youtu.be/MpE7exhIGnE>



Me, Frida, And The Secret of The Peacock Ring

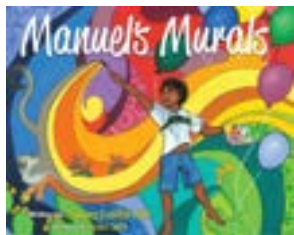
By: Angela Cervantes

Paloma Marquez travels to Mexico feeling confident that she will find Frida Kahlo's ring with the help of her new friends Gael and Lizzie. She is happy to be in Mexico as she reminisces about where her family comes from and the beautiful culture that Mexico holds. Will she be able to find Frida Kahlo's ring and what will Paloma learn about herself?

Youtube Summary/Read Aloud:

 **Angela Cervantes - "Me, Frida, and the Secret of the Peacock Ring": a ...**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KIl2SmDJNlA>



Manuel's Murals

by Jeaninne Escallier Kato and Rachel Smith

Manuel Jesus Ramirez Rodriquez, a passionate nine-year-old boy from Mexico City, loves to paint murals like his hero, the legendary muralist, Diego Rivera. He dreams of the day he will become famous so he can take care of his family and never again have to watch his father clean other people's buildings. Manuel learns how his actions can affect the lives of others in ways he never imagined. Manuel takes a solo journey to learn more about Diego Rivera's art, but what he finds is a greater understanding of his own culture.



Dream Carver/ El Tallador De Sueños

By: Diana Cohn and Amy Cordova

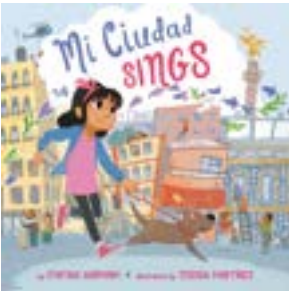
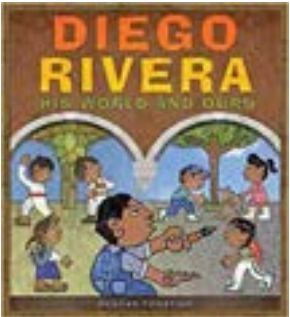

Between their work growing blue corn and green alfalfa, Manuel and his father carve small wooden animals to sell at the fiestas in Oaxaca, Mexico. Manuel's imagination overflows with goats as pink as bougainvillea and purple cats with corn-yellow spots. When he tells his father how he longs to sculpt creatures in this new style, his father tells Manuel to stick to their traditional way. Manuel practices on his own, until he's able to carve wood into the lively animals he sees in his mind and sell them at fiestas.

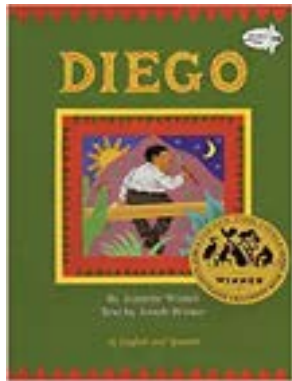


Jovita Wore Pants

By Aida Salazar and Molly Mendoza

Jovita dreamed of wearing pants like her brothers. She hated the way her big skirts tangled around her legs as she scaled the tallest mesquite tree and rode her horse. When her father and brothers joined the Cristeros War to fight for the right to practice religion freely, she wanted to help. Though she wasn't allowed to fight, that didn't stop her from learning the terrain and observing how her father strategized. Then tragedy struck, compelling

	<p>Jovita to cut her hair, put on pants, and continue the fight. Disguised as a man, she commanded a battalion who followed her without question.</p>
	<p><i>Mi Ciudad Sings/ Mi Ciudad Canta</i></p> <p>by Cynthia Harmony and Teresa Martinez</p> <p>As a little girl and her dog embark on their daily walk through the city, they skip to the familiar sounds of revving cars, clanking bikes, friendly barks, and whistling camote carts. But what they aren't expecting to hear is the terrifying sound of a rumbling earthquake...and then...silence. This heartwarming story leaves readers with the message that they can choose to be strong and brave even when they are scared, and can still find joy and hope in the midst of sadness.</p>
	<p><i>Diego Rivera, His World and Ours</i></p> <p>By: Duncan Tonatiuh</p> <p>Diego Rivera was a mischievous child drawing images and grew using his passion for art by studying in France and Spain, which later led him to observe various cultures and different regions within Mexico that he would later capture in his artwork.</p> <p>Youtube Read Aloud:</p> <p> Diego Rivera His World and Ours https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PwBRgwmKErc</p>




Diego

By: Jeannette Winter, text by Jonah Winter

Diego Rivera was an artist who created paintings resonating the beauty of Mexico and its people and culture. This story follows Diego's life and work.

Youtube Read Aloud Link:

 **Art with Ms. Kate/Diego in Spanish and English, by Jeanette Winter 4-...**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M26HtMPWS4>



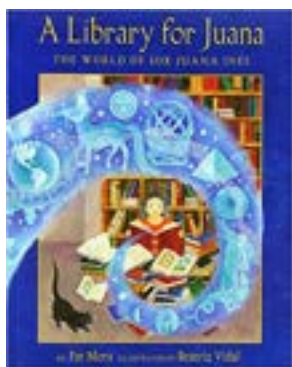
Elena's Serenade

By: Campbell Geesling, illustrated by Ana Juan

Elena is intrigued by glassblowing and dreams to do the same. Elena dreams of becoming a glassblower like her papá, but he tells her she is too small and girls can't be glassblowers. Elena is determined even if it means going against her papá's wishes. The beautiful illustrations show the beauty of glassblowing, the intricate butterfly glass, and a girl who perseveres to follow her heart.

Youtube Read Aloud Link:

 **Elena's Serenade**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eRjAFgM8Ink>



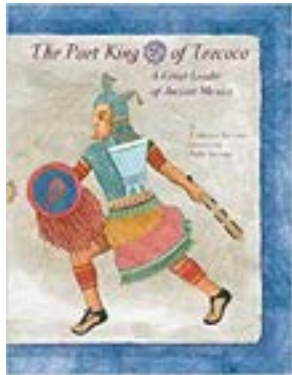
A Library for Juana

By: Pat Mora, illustrated by Beatriz Vidal

This story follows the life of Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz whose stories impacted the lives of many children in México. Juana fell in love with reading and writing as a child. Because girls were not allowed to write and read, she became a nun and in solitude she was able to take refuge in books and writing. Known as one of the most influential writers of her time, she is still widely read by many in México and around the world.

Youtube Read Aloud Link:

 **Read-Aloud with Mr. Eric - A Library for Juana: The World of Sor Juan...**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7C76lgsoOfM>



The Poet King of Tezcoco: A Great Leader of Ancient Mexico

By: Francisco Serrano, illustrated by Pablo Serrano

Using a combination of biography and poetry, this book captivates the life of Nezahualcōyotl who was a brilliant poet, architect, and engineer. Using his talents, he set out to become king and reclaim his throne from his uncle. He became king and used his position to help build libraries and other spaces to create a better and more advanced society.



Feathered Serpent Dark Heart of Sky

By: David Bowles

These stories trace the history of the world from the beginning shining light on the dreams of the god Ometeotl, to the arrival of Spanish conquistadors in Mexico and the great fall of Tenochiltan, The stories include Aztec tales about the arrival of the Spanish, the rule of Moctezuma, and the destruction of the stories within this book as the Spanish sought to wipe out an entire culture, religion, and language.

Youtube Summary/ Read Aloud Link:

 **Mexican Myths: David Bowles on his book, "Feathered Serpent Dark H...**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lo7Foj6-zak>



The Tree is Older Than You Are: A Bilingual Gathering of Poems & Stories from Mexico with Paintings by Mexican Artists

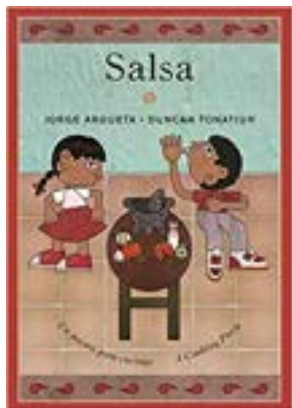
Selected by: Naomi Shihab Nye

A compilation of stories and paintings from México captures different stories about life in México.

Youtube Summary/Read Aloud Link:

▶ The Tree is Older Than You Are - Book Talk (VIRTUAL LIBRARY)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RNpwwoxrnIg>

Mexican Food Picturebooks



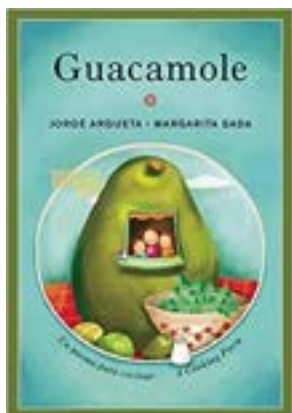
Salsa

By: Jorge Argueta, illustrated by Duncan Tonatiuh

A fun poem following a sister and a brother making a salsa, this book is a perfect example of getting all of the right ingredients together to make something delicious, rich, and flavorful. Follow along as brother and sister dance and sing to create the perfect salsa.

Youtube Read Aloud Link:

▶ Salsa by Jorge Argueta
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O-bbpLYrURs>



Guacamole

By: Jorge Argueta, illustrated by Margarita Sada

Written as a poem, this story follows a girl who is going to make guacamole as she sings and dances to create this delightful treat. Guacamole came from the Aztecs with simple ingredients such as lime, avocados, cilantro, and salt. Argueta takes us on a journey to make guacamole using beautiful metaphors and similes comparing guacamole to stones and the sprinkling of salt to rain.

Youtube Read Aloud Link:

▶ Guacamole Written by Jorge Argueta and Margarita Sada
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Elpp2IIRdnM>



Just A Minute

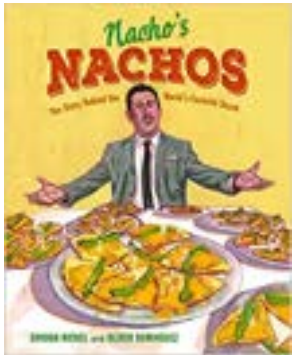
By: Yuyi Morales

This bilingual counting book is filled with culture as we follow abuelita and her beloved family. The picturebook integrates various festivities and foods using counting in Spanish to create a vibrant and exciting book.

Youtube Read Aloud Link:

 Just a Minute by Yuyi Morales

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9OaSOuYAluo>



Nacho's Nachos: The Story Behind the World's Famous Snacks

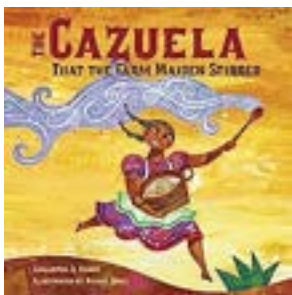
By: Sandra Nickel and Oliver Dominguez

Have you ever wondered who invented the nachos? Well, read to find out how Ignacio "Nacho" Anaya invented the delicious nachos we know today as we take a look into his delicious masterpiece and the story behind it all.

Youtube Summary/Read Aloud Link:

 Nacho's Nachos (Read Aloud)

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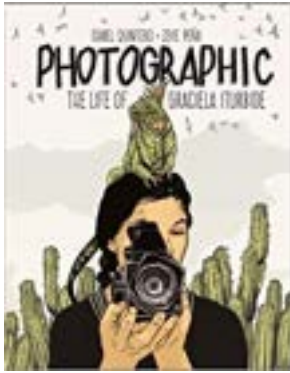


The Cazuela That The Farm Maiden Stirred

by **Samantha R. Vamos and Rafael López**

This is the story of how the farm maiden and farm animals worked together to make the rice pudding that they serve at the fiesta. With the familiarity of "The House That Jack Built," this story bubbles and builds just like the ingredients of the arroz con leche that everyone enjoys. Cleverly incorporating Spanish words, this book makes learning the language fun.

Graphic Novels: Fiction & Nonfiction




Photographic: The Life of Graciela Iturbide

By: Isabel Quintero & Zeke Peña

A biography in graphic novel and photographic form follows the life of Graciela Iturbide who was born in México in 1942. Unfortunately, Iturbide lost her mother at a very early age. To help with the loss, Graciela found solace in photography, which took her around the world, especially in México and the city of Juchitán. Her work is widely known and her story is a reminder of the strength and beauty behind the lens.

Youtube Summary/Read Aloud Link:

 Making of Photographic: The Life of Graciela Iturbide

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B92LVXMAN44>



Tales of the Feathered Serpent: Rise of the Halfling King

By: David Bowles, illustrated by Charlene Bowles

This middle grade graphic novel takes you on an adventure from a magical boy's perspective. Mayan mythology and adventures of Mesoamerican myths and legends are depicted throughout the story. Sayam, who is born from an egg and has special powers, must bravely express his magical knowledge in order to pass three tasks to acquire the throne as it has been prophesied. With his loyal monkey and a wise grandmother by his side will Sayam be king and make the prophecy come true?



Clockwork Curandera Volume 1: The Witch Owl Parliament

By: David Bowles and Raul the Third

Mystical and magical, this graphic novel explores the adventures of Enrique, Cristina, and a Shaman. When Enrique's sister is killed, he takes it upon himself to use magic to bring her back to life, which was not allowed due to Christian beliefs. Cristina comes back half human and half robot and they are determined to track down the witch owl coven, who is

planning to dismantle Santander the land they live in. At the same time various people are disappearing including his beloved Gaspar.

Novels



Thirty Talks Weird Love

By: Alessandra Narvaez

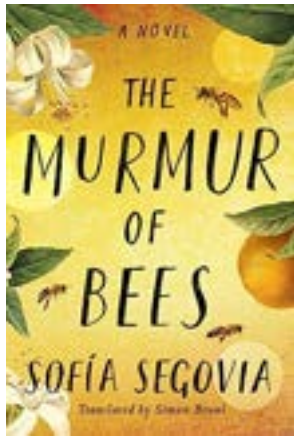
Anamaria gets a surprise visit one day. It is her future self ready to let her know what will be coming in her future. Set in Mexico and in the 90s, Anamaria listens to her future self give advice amidst a fearful change in México where girls are beginning to go missing much more often than usual. This powerful novel will teach YA readers about the importance of what one can learn from themselves as well as how to deal and cope with situations around you.



Viva Lola Espinoza!

By Ella Cerón

Lola Espinoza is cursed in love. When Lola goes to spend the summer with her grandmother in Mexico City and meets handsome Rio, she discovers that magic is real, and what she'd always written off as bad luck is a curse. If Lola ever wants to fall in love without suffering the consequences, she'll have to break the curse. Javi is willing to help Lola look into this family curse and Lola needs all the help she can get. Lola explores Mexico City while learning about herself, her heritage, and the magic around us all.



The Murmur of Bees

by Sofia Segovia

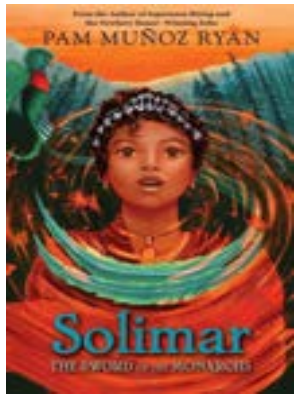
From the day that old Nana Reja found a baby abandoned under a bridge, the life of a small Mexican town forever changed. Disfigured and covered in a blanket of bees, little Simonopio is for some locals a child kissed by the devil. He is welcomed by Francisco and Beatriz Morales, who adopt him and care for him as if he were their own. Simonopio becomes a cause for wonder, because when the uncannily gifted child closes his eyes, he can see visions of all that's yet to come, both beautiful and dangerous. A protective swarm of bees follows him as he protects his adoptive family from threats.



Secret of the Moon Conch

By: David Bowles and Guadalupe Garcia McCall

In modern-day Mexico, Sitlali is alone after the death of her beloved abuela. Targeted by a gang member, she flees to the United States to find her father. The night before her journey, she finds an ancient conch shell on the beach and takes it with her as a memento of home. In 1521, Calizto is trapped in the Aztec city of Tenochtitlan, besieged by Spanish invaders. He has fought valiantly, but hope is running out. Desperate to escape, he takes up his mother's sacred conch and sounds a plea to the gods. The conch holds magic that allows them to communicate across centuries--and find comfort in each other as they fight to survive. With each conversation, they fall deeper in love, and as the moon waxes, they become more present to each other, but will they ever be together?



Solimar: The Sword of the Monarchs

By: Pam Munoz Ryan

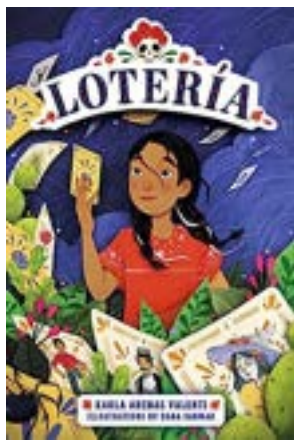
On the brink of her Quinceañera, and official coronation, Solimar visits the oyamel forest to sit among the monarch butterflies. As butterflies hum and swirl around her, she realizes she's been given a gift to predict the near future and has become a protector of the young and weak butterflies. When a neighboring king invades while her father and brother and others are away, villagers are taken hostage, except Solimar. She must save her family, the kingdom, and the future of the monarch butterflies from a dangerous king.



The Lost Dreamer (The Lost Dreamer Doulogy Book 1)

By: Lizz Huerta

Indir is a Dreamer, descended from a long line of seers who see beyond reality with the rare gift of Dreaming truth. When the king dies, his son has no respect for this tradition. King Alcan wants to bring the Dreamers to a permanent end. As violent change shakes her world, Indir must decide either to fight for her home or fight to survive. Saya is a seer, whose gift is exploited by her mother. Saya begins to suspect that everything she knows about her life is a carefully-constructed lie. Saya will risk it all in the search for answers.



Lotería

by Karla Arenas Valenti

In the hottest hour of the hottest day of the year in Oaxaca City, Clara has been marked for la Lotería. Life and Death deal the Lotería cards and the stakes could not be higher. Every card reveals a new twist in Clara's fate—if Life wins, Clara will live to a ripe old age. If Death prevails, she'll flicker out

like a candle. But Clara knows none of this. All she knows is that her young cousin Esteban has vanished, and she'll do whatever it takes to save him. And though it seems her fate is sealed, Clara just might have what it takes to shatter the game and choose a new path.

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La Herencia del Pueblo: Mexican Heritage Project Photographs is an exhibit of photographs selected from the Mexican Heritage Project photos in the collections of the Arizona Historical Society Library and Archives in Tucson. The Mexican Heritage Project was a groundbreaking effort at the Arizona Historical Society to help preserve and tell a story which was in danger of being forgotten or marginalized—the story of Tucson's Mexican American community from the Gadsden Purchase until World War II. From 1979–1983, a group of dedicated scholars, field historians, archivists, librarians and community members united in an effort to gather photographs and oral histories directly from Tucson's Mexican American community.