



# HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

Let's celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month! In this list, you will find Hispanic authors and stories for everyone in your family. Students can check out these books from the HB Library or from your local library. Whether book, eBook, or audiobook, reading helps your imagination grow. Let's read! ¡Leamos!

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## Latinx Authors



### Elizabeth Acevedo (Young Adult)

Proudly identifying as an Afro-Latina, Acevedo is not ashamed of her Dominican and Puerto Rican background. She is also the 2022 Young People's Poet Laureate, "the New York Times bestselling author of *The*

*Poet X*, which won the National Book Award for Young People's Literature, and more. She is also the author of *With the Fire on High*—which was named a best book of the year by the New York Public Library, NPR, Publishers Weekly, and School Library Journal—and *Clap When You Land*, which was a Boston Globe–Horn Book Honor book and a Kirkus finalist."



### Alexis Castellano (Middle Grade)

"Alexis was born and raised in Florida where she enjoyed sunny days, dramatic thunderstorms, and delicious Cuban food. After graduating from college, she moved to

New York City and worked as a scenic artist, bringing theatrical sets to life with a little bit of paint and a whole lot of ingenuity. She currently works as a graphic designer by day and spends her nights dreaming up stories. She lives in Los Angeles with her partner and her extremely photogenic cat, Belle. *Isla to Island* is her first graphic novel."



### Matt de la Peña (Children/MG/YA)

"Matt is the New York Times Bestselling, Newbery Medal-winning author of seven young adult novels and six picture books. ... *Last Stop on Market Street* (illustrated by

Christian Robinson), ... was awarded the 2016 Newbery Medal. *Miguel and the Grand Harmony* (illustrated by Ana Ramirez), was released by Disney in both English and Spanish. *Love* (illustrated by Loren Long), & *Carmela Full of Wishes* (illustrated by Christian Robinson), are his two newest picture books. In 2019, Matt's seventh YA novel, *Superman: Dawnbreaker* was published."



### Anna-Marie McLemore & Tehlor Kay Mejia (Young Adult)

"Q: How do you infuse your culture and background into your stories?

A: (TKM) It's really so instinctive; I don't think I even realize I'm doing it. I read a lot as a kid and I loved books. I was lucky enough to sometimes see books with characters that looked like me, but they never reflected what my family felt like. At the time, I wasn't old enough to critique books, so I used to think, "Oh, I guess books aren't supposed to feel like home for people like me." (Mejia 2021 as quoted in Fong 2021).



### Zoraida Córdova (YA / Middle)

"Zoraida is the acclaimed author of more than two dozen novels and short stories, including, *Star Wars: The High Republic: Convergence* and *Valentina Salazar is Not a Monster Hunter*. In addition to writing novels, she serves on the board of

We Need Diverse Books, and is the co-editor of the bestselling anthology *Vampires Never Get Old*, as well as the cohost of the writing podcast, *Deadline City...* Zoraida was born in Guayaquil, Ecuador, and calls New York City home. When she's not working, she's roaming the world in search of magical stories."



### Otávio Júnior (Children)

"Otávio Júnior is a writer, an actor, a storyteller and a theatre producer from Rio de Janeiro. He was the founder and executive coordinator of the project Ler é 10-Leia Favela, which

included the opening of libraries in the favela Complexo do Alemão. Otávio Júnior works in the children's cultural area since 1998. He now develops programs and activities to promote reading among the youngest people of the favelas in Rio de Janeiro. In 2011 he published his first book, *From My Window*. Winner of the Premio Madre Teresa de Calcutá in Argentina for his community services, he was also awarded the Prêmio Faz Diferença by the O Globo newspaper."



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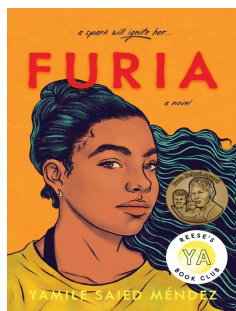
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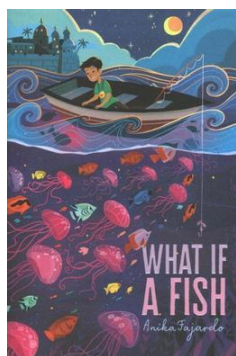
**Furia****by Yamile Saied Méndez (YA)**

Growing up in Rosario, Argentina, Camilla Hassan has lived a double life. At home, she abides by her parents' expectations for her and watches as her brother and other men in her life gain prominence within the futbol community. On the field, however, she's La Furia, and a rising futbolista in her

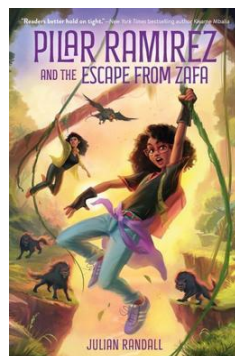
own right. Camilla must balance all of her secrets and ambitions in order to live the life she wants.

**Everything Within and In Between by Nikki Barthelme (YA)**

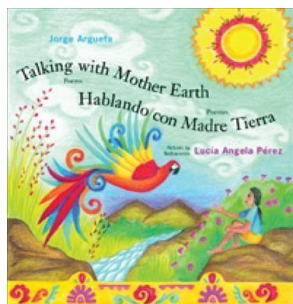
For Ri Fernández's entire life, she's been told, "We live in America and we speak English." Raised by her strict Mexican grandma, Ri has never been allowed to learn Spanish in an attempt try to live out her grandmother's version of the "American Dream." It's up to her to reclaim what Grandma kept from her: her heritage and her mom.

**What If a Fish****by Anika Fajardo (MG)**

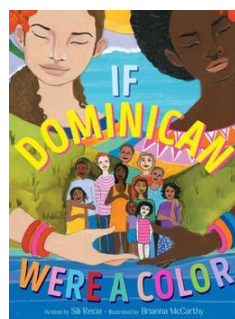
Eleven-year-old Eddie Aguado is convinced that winning the 14th Annual Arne Hopkins Dock Fishing Tournament (once he actually learns how to fish) will bring him closer to his dad, who died when Eddie was only five.

**Pilar Ramirez and the Escape From Zafa****by Julian Randall (MG)**

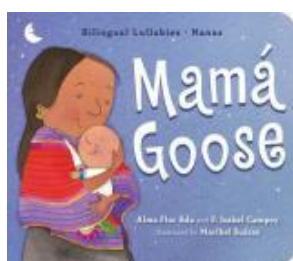
While doing research for her documentary about her cousin Natasha--who disappeared in the Dominican Republic fifty years ago during the Trujillato-- Pilar Violeta Ramirez is transported to Zafa, an island where Dominican myths and legends come to life.

**Talking With Mother Earth / Hablando con madre tierra (Children)****by Jorge Argueta****Illustrated by Lucia Angela Perez**

Presents bilingual poems which explore a Pipil Nahua Indian boy's connection to Mother Earth.

**If Dominican Were a Color / Si Quisqueya fuera un color (Children)****by Sili Recio****Illustrated by Brianna McCarthy**

Illustrations and easy-to-read text portray the Dominican Republic in all of its hues, from the cinnamon in cocoa to the blue black seen only in dreams.

**Mamá Goose: Bilingual Lullabies-Nanas (Board book)****By Alma Flor Ada, F. Isabel Campoy, Maribel Suarez (Illustrator)**

This bilingual board book presents popular and beloved lullabies from all over the Spanish-speaking world. Full of charm and humor, and rich

with the diversity of Latinx cultures, Mamá Goose is the perfect introduction to Latinx lullabies for English speakers, and a trove of familiar favorites for Spanish speakers.

**Ten Little Birds / Diez Pajaritos (Board book)****By Andrés Salguero, Sara Palacios (Illustrator)**

Count to 10 and back again with Latin Grammy Award-winning children's musical duo 123 Andrés in this bilingual board book!

The popular song from 123 Andrés' Latin Grammy Award-winning album is cleverly and beautifully brought to life in this bright, bouncy board book!

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