



Piñata Books for Children

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Dedicated to the publication of children's literature that authentically and realistically portrays themes, characters and customs unique to US Hispanic culture

New & Forthcoming Bilingual Picture Books



La divina Catrina / Oh, Divine Catrina
Aracely De Alvarado
Illustrations by Claudia Navarro
Winner, Premio Campoy-Ada (poetry category)

"Catrina la catrina, a fashionista of the skeletal sort, desperately searches through her ancient trunk for an outfit befitting her station. De Alvarado's tribute to José Guadalupe Posada's iconic catrina successfully captures the dressing-for-a-party frenzy."
—Kirkus Reviews

October 31, 2020, ISBN: 978-1-55885-910-4, Hardcover, Ages 4-8, 32 pages, \$18.95



Maxy Survives the Hurricane / Maxy sobrevive el huracán
Ricia Anne Chansky and Yarelis Marcial Acevedo
Illustrations by Olga Barinova
Spanish translation by Yarelis Marcial Acevedo,
Francheska Morales García & Sharon Marie Nieves-Ferrer

Maxy is a happy puppy who lives with Clarita and her family in a house filled with music and laughter on the island of Puerto Rico. But then, Hurricane María roared ashore and Maxy was terrified! Eventually, and with the help of loved ones, Max learns to overcome his fear and appreciate the benefits of rain.

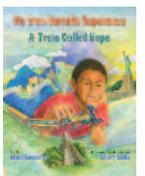
May 31, 2021, ISBN: 978-1-55885-918-0, Hardcover, Ages 4-8, 32 pages, \$18.95



Luna luminosa, ¿dónde estás? / Luminous Moon, Where Are You?
Aracely De Alvarado
Illustrations by Victoria Castillo
Winner, Salinas de Alba Award for Latino Children's Literature

"A boy discovers that the moon is missing from the sky and enlists the help of nighttime animals to find it in this bilingual picture book. The animal sounds used in each character's response to Juanito's queries make for perfect read-aloud potential."
—Kirkus Reviews

October 31, 2020, ISBN: 978-1-55885-911-1, Hardcover, Ages 4-8, 32 pages, \$18.95



Un tren llamado Esperanza / A Train Called Hope
Mario Bencastro
Illustrations by Robert Casilla

In this poignant bilingual picture book, a boy remembers his first present, "a little train crossing / the mountain of my pillow / over a valley on my bed." Years later, after his parents have gone far away in search of work and a better future, the boy rides in a real train to join them. This moving, poetic story by award-winning Salvadoran author touches on the difficult journey north many children make in hopes of finding their parents and a better life.

May 31, 2021, ISBN: 978-1-55885-919-7, Hardcover, Ages 6-9, 32 pages, \$18.95

New Bilingual Flip Books



Vincent Ventura and the Diabolical Duende / Vincent Ventura y los duendes diabólicos
Monster Fighter Mystery / Serie Exterminador de monstruos
Xavier Garza

"Monster fighter extraordinaire Vincent Ventura battles his latest foe: the dreadful duende! Book 3 in Garza's Monster Fighter Mystery series adds a little psychological horror to Vincent's newest adventure, and this installment [is] a cohesive story centered on friendship and, more importantly, kicking monster butt. A case of lighthearted fun during the witching hour."
—Kirkus Reviews

October 31, 2020, ISBN: 978-1-55885-909-8, Trade paperback, Ages 8-12, 130 pages, \$10.95



Raulito / The First Latino Governor of Arizona / El primer gobernador latino de Arizona
Roni Capin Rivera-Ashford

This inspirational bilingual "flip" book for intermediate readers recounts the life story of Raúl H. Castro, who was elected the first Mexican-American governor of Arizona in 1974. This eye-opening biography will acquaint young readers with the difficulties Mexican Americans encountered in obtaining basic rights, such as access to education and jobs, and will motivate them to persevere in spite of difficulties.

May 31, 2021, ISBN: 978-1-55885-916-6, Trade paperback, Ages 8-12, 168 pages, \$10.95



Ignacio Zaragoza Seguin / My Story of Cinco de Mayo / Mi versión del Cinco de Mayo
José Angel Gutiérrez

This bilingual "flip" book introduces intermediate readers to the life and turbulent times of Ignacio Zaragoza Seguin. Born in 1829 in an army fort in Mexico that became part of the Republic of Texas, he lived through the Mexican-American War, the French invasion of his country and the death of his wife and sons from typhoid. His success in repelling the invading French troops was recognized with a national holiday in his honor, Cinco de Mayo, which is celebrated in the United States to commemorate the Mexican roots of many citizens. This fascinating biography will familiarize young people with the concept of colonialism and its impact on the United States.

May 31, 2021, ISBN: 978-1-55885-917-3, Trade paperback, Ages 11-14, 192 pages, \$10.95

