



# Piñata Books for Young Adults

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Dedicated to the publication of young adult literature that authentically and realistically portrays themes, characters and customs unique to US Hispanic culture

## New Books for Teens

### Cecilia's Magical Mission

Viola Canales

"Providing insight into Mexican Catholic culture, beliefs, and traditions, this title also delves into the difficulties faced when juggling two different cultures, as well as the importance of keeping traditions alive. VERDICT Middle school readers will be interested in this book about finding your place in religion and culture."

—*School Library Journal*

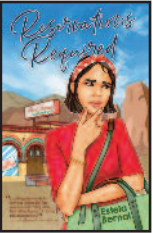
October 31, 2020, ISBN: 978-1-55885-877-0, Trade paperback, Ages 11-16, 344 pages, \$14.95

### Reservations Required

Estela Bernal

This engaging novel follows seventeen-year-old Lucy Sánchez and her determination to become a chef. Forced to leave home because of her abusive father, she is thrilled to get a job in a Mexican restaurant in a small Arizona town, even if it means starting as a dishwasher. But conflict with a jealous waitress and her sleazy boyfriend escalates as they harass Lucy at every opportunity. Is it too much to ask to cook, take classes at the local community college and get to know the cute guy she met there?

May 31, 2021, ISBN: 978-1-55885-915-9, Trade paperback, Ages 11-16, 304 pages, \$14.95



## Bilingual Flip Book Series for Intermediate Readers: Monster Fighter Mystery / Serie Exterminador de monstruos

### Vincent Ventura and the Diabolical Duende

Vincent Ventura y los duendes diabólicos

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



## New Bilingual Flip Books for Intermediate Readers

### The Number on My Father's Arm

El número en el brazo de papá

Rodolfo Alvarado



This fascinating account will acquaint intermediate readers with the history of World War II and the Holocaust, while drawing parallels to the xenophobia that led to the brutal expulsion of Mexicans and Mexican Americans from the United States in the early part of the twentieth century.

"This powerful novel is a great reminder for mature readers that there is much to American culture that gets left unsaid and erased."

—*School Library Journal*

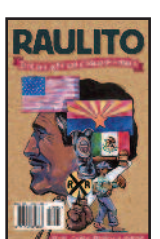
October 31, 2020, ISBN: 978-1-55885-901-2, Trade paperback, Ages 10-15, 184 pages, \$11.95

### 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 Seguín: 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 Seguín. 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

