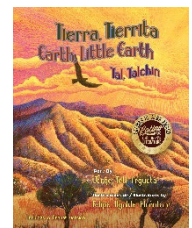
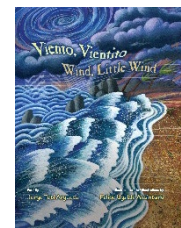
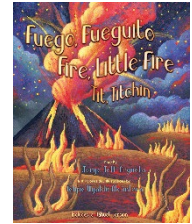
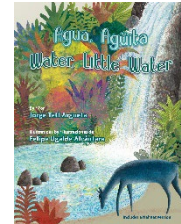


Madre Tierra / Mother Earth series

by Jorge Argueta and Felipe Ugalde Alcántara

Trim: 8.5" x 11" **Format:** Hardcover **Imprint:** Piñata Books **Ages:** 5-10 **Pages:** 32 **Price:** \$18.95**Title:** *Agua, Agüita / Water, Little Water***Publication Date:** October 31, 2017 **ISBN-13:** 978-1-55885-854-1**Title:** *Fuego, Fueguito / Fire, Little Fire***Publication date:** October 31, 2019 **ISBN-13:** 978-1-55885-887-9**Title:** *Viento, Vientito / Wind, Little Wind***Publication Date:** May 31, 2022 **ISBN-13:** 978-1-55885-945-6**Title:** *Tierra, Tierrita / Earth, Little Earth***Publication Date:** May 31, 2023 **ISBN-13:** 978-1-55885-967-8

Award-winning children's book author Jorge Argueta collaborates with esteemed illustrator Felipe Ugalde Alcántara to create a beautiful, moving series of children's books about the natural world that helps to understand and generate conversations about the interconnected web of life. Reflecting Argueta's indigenous roots and his appreciation for the natural world, the books contain the English and Spanish text on each page; the entire poem appears at the end in Nahuatl, the language of Argueta's Pipil-Nahua ancestors.

GENRE: Bilingual children's book, multicultural children's literature, Spanish-language picture books, Central America/El Salvador/Latin America

SELLING HANDLES:

- The books blend poetry and science, making them appealing for cross-curricular use in classrooms.
- Written in verse, with Spanish and English-language text on each page and Nahuatl version at the back
- Argueta is an acclaimed children's book author.

AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR CREDENTIALS:

JORGUE ARGUETA, a Pipil Nahua Indian, is a prize-winning poet and author of more than twenty children's picture books, including *Una película en mi almohada / A Movie in My Pillow* (Children's Book Press, 2001) and *Somos como las nubes / We Are Like the Clouds* (Groundwood Books, 2016), which won the Lee Bennett Hopkins Poetry Award and was named to USBBY's Outstanding International Book List, the ALA Notable Children's Books and the Cooperative Children's Book Center Choices. His books in the Madre Tierra / Mother Earth series are *Viento, Vientito / Wind, Little Wind* (Piñata Books, 2022); *Fuego, Fueguito / Fire, Little Fire* (Piñata Books, 2019) and *Agua, Agüita / Water, Little Water* (Piñata Books, 2017), winner of the inaugural Campoy-Ada Award in Children's Poetry given by the Academia Norteamericana de la Lengua Española. The California Association for Bilingual Education honored him with its Courage to Act Award. Jorge is the founder of The International Children's Poetry Festival Manyula and The Library of Dreams, a non-profit organization that promotes literacy in his native El Salvador. Jorge divides his time between San Francisco, California, and El Salvador.

FELIPE UGALDE ALCANTARA, a Mexico City native, illustrated *Viento, Vientito / Wind, Little Wind* (Piñata Books, 2022); *Fuego, Fueguito / Fire, Little Fire* (Piñata Books, 2019); *Agua, Agüita / Water, Little Water* (Piñata Books, 2017); *Mother Fox and Mr. Coyote / Mamá Zorra y Don Coyote* (Piñata Books, 2004); and *Little Crow to the Rescue / El Cuervito al rescate* (Piñata Books, 2005).

PRAISE FOR THE WORK OF JORGE ARGUETA:

Agua, Agüita / Water, Little Water

- Named a Junior Library Guild Selection
- Winner, Campoy-Ada Award in Children’s Poetry
- Named to the Cooperative Children’s Book Center annual best-of-the-year list, CCBC Choices 2018
- Recipient of a 2018 Skipping Stones Honor Award

Fuego, Fueguito / Fire, Little Fire

- Named a Junior Library Guild Selection
- Named to the Texas Library Association’s 2020-2021 Tejas Star Reading List
- Northern Lights Book Award Winner, nature/environment category

Viento, Vientito / Wind, Little Wind

- Named a Junior Library Guild Selection
- Included in the Bank Street College of Education, Center for Children’s Literature’s Best Children’s Picture Books of the Year in Spanish (2023)
- Recipient of the Premio Campoy-Ada de la Academia Norteamericana de la Lengua Española

Tierra, Tierrita / Earth, Little Earth

- Named a Junior Library Guild Selection

“Argueta’s playful trilingual homage to fire spans its incarnation from spark to lava flow. Full-page blazes of oranges, yellows, reds and indigo underscore the simple narrative of the poem. A gentle exploration of culture and nature.”—*Kirkus Reviews* (starred review) on *Fuego, Fueguito / Fire, Little Fire*

“VERDICT: With simple verse and vibrant illustrations, this picture book celebrates the power of fire and the author’s Pibil Nahua Indian heritage.”—*School Library Journal* on *Fuego, Fueguito / Fire, Little Fire*

“Fire may not receive as much devoted literature as other elements, but Argueta concisely depicts its potential, front its more dangerous manifestations like volcanic eruptions and wildfires to its more familiar presence in our kitchens and campfires.”—*Booklist* on *Fuego, Fueguito / Fire, Little Fire*

“A lyrical journey through the water cycle, sure to inspire the imaginations of young readers and listeners.”—*School Library Journal* (starred review) on *Agua, Agüita / Water, Little Water*

“With tenderness and humanity, this bilingual book describes the hopes, fears, and uncertainties of the thousands of displaced children that arrive every year at the southern border of the United States . . . Poignant, heartbreaking, and sadly, timely.”

—*Kirkus Reviews* (starred review) on *Somos como las nubes / We Are Like the Clouds*

“Extremely vital.”—*Booklist* (starred review) on *Somos como las nubes / We Are Like the Clouds*