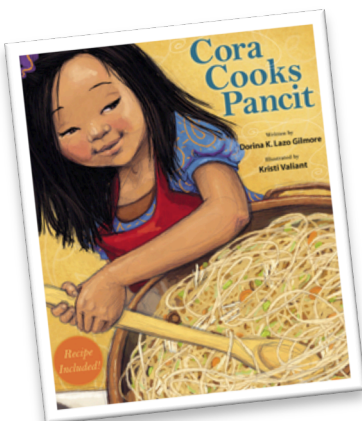




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**Book List for El día de los niños/El día de los libros
(Children's Day/Book Day)**



Cora Cooks Pancit

written by Dorina Lazo Gilmore

illustrated by Kristi Valiant

<https://www.leeandlow.com/books/2840>

Cora loves being in the kitchen, but she always gets stuck doing the kid jobs like licking the spoon. One day, however, when her older sisters and brother head out, Cora finally gets the chance to be Mama's assistant chef.

A Place Where Sunflowers Grow

written by Amy Lee-Tai

illustrated by Felicia Hoshino

<https://www.leeandlow.com/books/2770>

Mari wonders if anything can bloom at Topaz, where her family is interned along with thousands of other Japanese Americans during World War II. Somehow, glimmers of hope begin to surface under the harsh sun—in the eyes of a kindly art teacher, in the tender words of Mari's parents, and in the smile of a new friend.



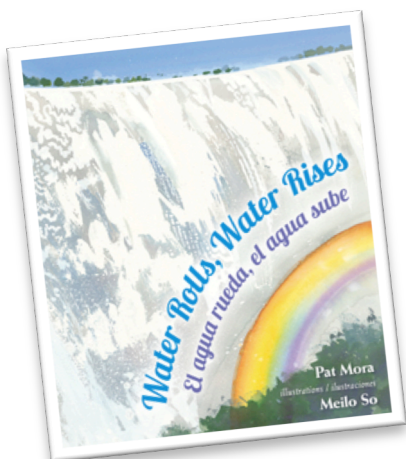
Maya's Blanket / La manta de Maya

written by Monica Brown

illustrated by David Diaz

<https://www.leeandlow.com/books/2886>

In this bilingual book, a very young girl's cherished baby blanket becomes old and worn over time and then, as she grows older, is continually repurposed as other items.



Water Rolls, Water Rises / El agua rueda, el agua sube

written by Pat Mora

illustrated by Meilo So

<https://www.leeandlow.com/books/2865>

In a series of poetic verses in English and Spanish, readers learn about the movement and moods of water around the world and the ways in which water affects varied landscapes and cultures.

¡Olinguito, de la A a la Z! Descubriendo el bosque nublado / Olinguito, from A to Z! Unveiling the Cloud Forest

by Lulu Delacre

<https://www.leeandlow.com/books/2916>

Using the framework of the Spanish alphabet, this bilingual book introduces readers to a cloud forest in the Andes; the plants, animals, and other organisms found there; and the newly-identified olinguito, a South American mammal.



Amazing Places

edited by Lee Bennett Hopkins

illustrated by Christy Hale and Chris Soentpiet

<https://www.leeandlow.com/books/2908>

An anthology of poems focusing on unique places of historical, environmental, and/or cultural interest in the United States as expressed by poets of diverse heritage and reflected in illustrations featuring people of all ages and backgrounds.



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Catching the Moon: The Story of a Young Girl's Baseball Dream

written by Crystal Hubbard

illustrated by Randy DuBurke

<https://www.leeandlow.com/books/2372>

The spirited story of Marcenia Lyle, the African American girl who grew up to become "Toni Stone," the first woman to play for an all-male professional baseball team.

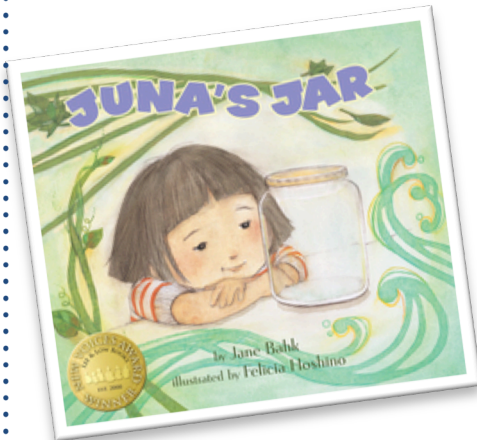
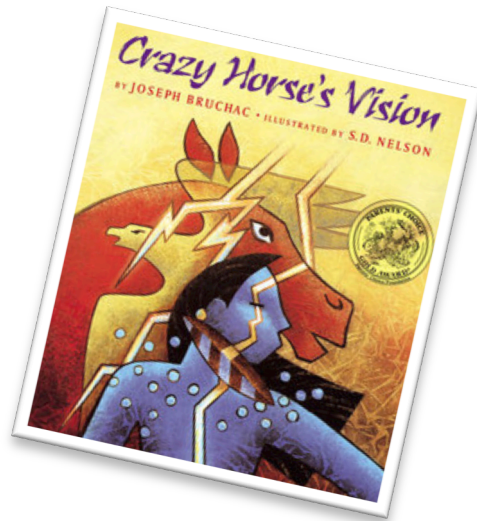
Crazy Horse's Vision

written by Joseph Bruchac

illustrated by S.D. Nelson

<https://www.leeandlow.com/books/2380>

Here is the story of Crazy Horse, the great Sioux warrior who as a young boy defies tradition and seeks a vision on his own in hopes of saving his people.



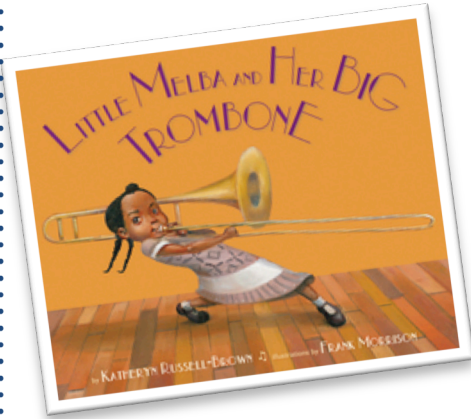
Juna's Jar

written by Jane Bahk

illustrated by Felicia Hoshino

<https://www.leeandlow.com/books/2867>

Juna, an imaginative Korean American girl, goes on magical adventures, by way of her special kimchi jar, in search of her best friend who has moved away.



Little Melba and Her Big Trombone

written by Katheryn Russell-Brown

illustrated by Frank Morrison

<https://www.leeandlow.com/books/2854>

A biography of African American jazz virtuoso Melba Doretta Liston, a pioneering twentieth-century trombone player, composer, and music arranger at a time when few women, of any race, played brass instruments and were part of the jazz scene.

Poems in the Attic

written by Nikki Grimes

illustrated by Elizabeth Zunon

<https://www.leeandlow.com/books/2881>

A young girl grows closer to her mother after discovering a box of poems her mother wrote about her experiences living around the world and growing up as a child of an Air Force serviceman. Told in alternating free verse and tanka (similar to haiku) poems.

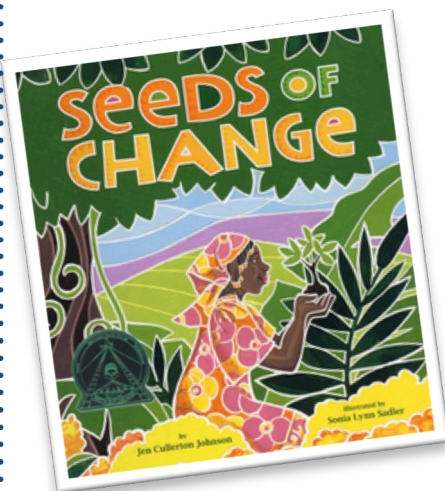


Seeds of Change: Planting a Path to Peace

written by Jen Johnson

illustrated by Sonia Sadler

<https://www.leeandlow.com/books/2716>



A picture book biography of scientist Wangari Maathai, the first African woman—and first environmentalist—to win a Nobel Peace Prize (in 2004), for her work planting trees in her native Kenya.



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King for a Day

written by Rukhsana Khan

illustrated by Christiane Krömer

<https://www.leeandlow.com/books/2833>

Although confined to a wheelchair, Malik, a Pakistani boy, captures the most kites, including those of the bully next door, during the annual spring kite-flying festival of Basant and becomes “King” of the festival for the day.

Sunday Shopping

written by Sally Derby

illustrated by Shadra Strickland

<https://www.leeandlow.com/books/2883>

Every Sunday night a young girl and her grandmother go on an imaginary shopping trip using play money and the advertisements in the newspaper as a guide for their “purchases.”

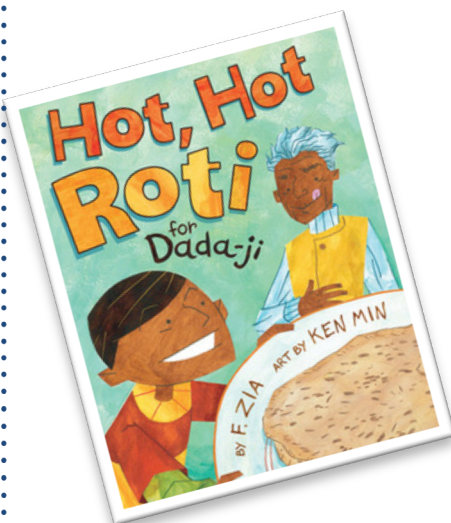


Hot, Hot Roti for Dada-ji

written by F. Zia

illustrated by Ken Min

<https://www.leeandlow.com/books/2749>



A young Asian Indian American boy tackles a culinary challenge, renewing his beloved grandfather’s spirit and taste buds by baking up his favorite boyhood bread.



About Día

El día de los niños/El día de los libros (Children's Day/Book Day) celebrates its 20th anniversary on April 30, 2016. Author and Literacy Advocate Pat Mora founded Día in collaboration with REFORMA. Learn more about the history and events for Día at <http://dia.ala.org/> and <http://www.patmora.com/>.

About LEE & LOW BOOKS

LEE & LOW BOOKS is the largest children's book publisher specializing in diversity and multiculturalism. Our motto, "about everyone, for everyone," is as urgent today as it was when we started in 1991. It is the company's goal to meet the need for stories that children of color can identify with and that all children can enjoy. The right book can foster empathy, dispel stereotypes, prompt discussion about race and ethnicity, and inspire children to imagine not only a world that includes them, but also a world where they are the heroes of their own stories. Discover more at **www.leeandlow.com**.

Web resources from leeandlow.com:

- How to Use Dual Language and Bilingual Books in 1st and 2nd Grade
<http://blog.leeandlow.com/2013/10/28/using-dual-language-and-bilingual-books-in-first-and-second-grade/>
- How to Use Dual Language and Bilingual Books in 3rd and 4th Grade
<http://blog.leeandlow.com/2013/11/04/using-dual-language-and-bilingual-books-in-third-and-fourth-grade/>
- How To Create a School-wide Program to Celebrate Student Writing and Heritage
<http://blog.leeandlow.com/2015/12/14/how-to-create-a-schoolwide-program-to-celebrate-student-writing-and-heritage/>
- How to Use Picture Books to Teach and Discuss Poet Laureate Juan Felipe Herrera with Students
<http://blog.leeandlow.com/2015/06/15/using-picture-books-to-teach-and-discuss-poet-laureate-juan-felipe-herrera-with-students/>
- "¿Qué es deportar?": Teaching from Students' Lives from *Rethinking Schools Magazine*
<http://blog.leeandlow.com/2015/11/02/que-es-deportar-teaching-from-students-lives/>



- The Right Read Aloud for the Classroom Community You Want This Year
<http://blog.leeandlow.com/2015/08/03/the-right-read-aloud-for-the-classroom-community-you-want-this-year/>
- Interpreting César Chávez's Legacy with Students from American Immigration Council
<http://blog.leeandlow.com/2015/04/13/interpreting-cesar-chavezs-legacy-with-students/>

Sources with more ideas for celebrating El día de los niños/El día de los libros:

El día de los niños/El día de los libros:
<http://dia.ala.org/>

Pat Mora's Website:
<http://www.patmora.com/>

Spanish Playground:
<http://www.spanishplayground.net/>

American Immigration Council:
<http://www.communityeducationcenter.org/>

MommyMaestra.com:
<http://www.mommymaestra.com/>

Latinas for Latino Lit:
<http://latinas4latinolit.org/>

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