

Here at Lee & Low Books, we pride ourselves on publishing culturally and linguistically authentic books that all children can enjoy. We are proud to showcase stories that celebrate cultures, voices, and experiences of communities historically underrepresented or misrepresented in children's

literature. High-quality bilingual and Spanish books help build a solid foundation to achieve Spanish literacy or bilingualism while also affirming and validating a child's identity, culture, and home language.

En Lee & Low Books estamos orgullosos de publicar libros cultural y lingüísticamente auténticos de los que todos pueden disfrutar. Estamos honrados de mostrar historias que celebran culturas, voces y experiencias de comunidades que históricamente han estado

ausentes o mal representadas en la literatura infantil. Los libros bilingües y en español de alta calidad no solo ayudan a construir una base sólida a la alfabetización en español, sino también afirman y validan la identidad, cultura e idioma del hogar de los niños.

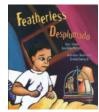
The following suggested read-alouds are some of our most popular bilingual and dual language texts written by authors from the cultures featured in the books.



leeandlow.com/books/ antonio-s-card-la-tarjeta-de-

Antonio's Card/La tarjeta de Antonio • written by Rigoberto González, illustrated by Cecilia Álvarez

In this gentle LGBTQ story written by award-winning Chicano poet Rigoberto González, a young boy considers how to celebrate his mother and her partner on Mother's Day.



leeandlow.com/books/ featherless-desplumado

Featherless/Desplumado • written by Juan Felipe Herrera, illustrated by Ernesto Cuevas

A young boy in a wheelchair learns to soar after his father gives him a special pet bird in this sparkling story of self-empowerment and friendship by former US Poet Laureate Juan Feline Herrera



leeandlow.com/books/ magic-dogs-of-thevolcanoes-los-perrosmagicos-de-los-volcanes

Magic Dogs of the Volcanoes/ Los perros mágicos de los volcanes - written by Manlio Argueta, illustrated by Elly Simmons - Whenever Salvadoran people gather to tell stories, someone will have a story about the magic dogs called cadejos. Here is Manlio Argueta's original story about these famous folkloric animals.



leeandlow.com/books/call me-tree-llamame-arbol

Call Me Tree/Llámame Árbol • written and illustrated by Maya Christina Gonzalez

An imaginative tale of selfdiscovery by a child who grows, learns about the natural world, embraces others, and is free to become who he or she is meant to be—a child as unique as a tree



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Finding the Music/En pos de la música · written by Jennifer Torres, illustrated by Renato Alarcão · A determined Latina girl accidentally breaks

Latina girl accidentally breaks her grandfather's vihuela and ventures into her community to find someone who can fix the instrument, leading her to discover her grandfather's legacy as a mariachi player.



leeandlow.com/books/ marisol-mcdonalddoesn-t-match-marisolmcdonald-no-combina

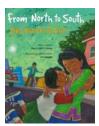
Marisol McDonald Doesn't Match/Marisol McDonald no combina • written by Monica Brown, illustrated by Sara Palacios • Mismatched and fabulous Marisol McDonald celebrates her Peruvian and Scottish heritage. Winner of the

Pura Belpré Award Honor.



leeandlow.com/books/confeti and Spanish versions.

Confetti: Poems for Children & Confeti: Poemas para niños • written by Pat Mora, illustrated by Enrique O. Sanchez • In this joyful and spirited collection, poems in many formats celebrate the vivid landscape of the American Southwest and the delightful rapport that children share with the natural world, in both English and Spanish versions



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From North to South/Del Norte al Sur • written by René Colato Laínez, illustrated by Joe Cepeda • Author René

Colato Lainez tackles the difficult subject of family separation with exquisite tenderness when José's Mamá has to return to Mexico for not having proper papers and his family faces an uncertain future.



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Zombies Don't Eat Veggies & ¡Los Zombis no comen verduras! • written and illustrated by Megan & Jorge Lacera • In this delightful debut by a talented husband-and-wife team, Mo Romero is a zombie with a deep, dark secret...



leeandlow.com/books/ drum-chavi-drum-tocachavi-toca

Drum, Chavi, Drum/¡Toca, Chavi, Toca! • written by Mayra L. Dole, illustrated by Tonel • Even though nobody in her Cuban-American neighborhood thinks girls

should play the drums, Chavi

knows she was born to drum.



leeandlow.com/books/ gracias-thanks

Gracias • Thanks • written by Pat Mora, illustrated by John Parra • In a series of poetic

sentences, a young boy talks about some of the everyday things for which he is thankful in this Pura Belpré Award Honorwinning book.



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Quinito's Neighborhood/El vecindario de Quinito • written by Ina Cumpiano, illustrated by José Ramírez • Join Quinito in exploring his neighborhood as he finds out that it is made up of much more than buildings, streets, and shops. It is made up of the people he knows and loves.



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Family Poems for Every
Day of the Week/Poemas
familiares para cada día de la
semana · written by Francisco
X. Alarcón, illustrated by
Maya Christina Gonzalez
A bilingual collection of

A bilingual collection of poetry by acclaimed Chicano poet Francisco X. Alarcón, celebrating the days of the week and everyday childhood experiences.



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Grandma and Me at the Flea/ Los meros meros remateros • written by Juan Felipe Herrera, illustrated by Anita De Lucio-Brock • With the help

of his grandmother, Juanito learns firsthand what it means to be a true *rematero*—a flea marketeer—and understands the value of community can never be measured in dollars.



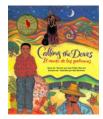
leeandlow.com/books/ xochitl-and-the-flowersxochitl-la-nina-de-lasflores

Xochitl and the Flowers/ Xochitl, la niña de las flores • written by Jorge Argueta, illustrated by Carl Angel

Thousands of miles away from El Salvador, Xochitl and her family make a new home in the United States. When they start a flower business, Xochitl learns the value of her new community.



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Calling the Doves/El canto de las palomas • written by Juan Felipe Herrerra, illustrated by Elly Simmons • Here is former US Poet Laureate Juan Felipe Hererra's story of his migrant farmworker childhood, featuring his mother's songs and poetry, and his father's stories and relationship with nature, all revealed in vibrant language.



leeandlow.com/books/ mama-and-papa-havea-store

Mama and Papa Have a Store & La tienda de mamá y papá • written and illustrated by Amelia Lau Carling • A young girl describes what a typical day is like in her parents' Chinese store in Guatemala City, Guatemala.



leeandlow.com/books/ poems-to-dreamtogether-poemas-parasonar-juntos

Poems to Dream Together/ Poemas para soñar juntos • written by Francisco X. Alarcón, illustrated by Paula Barragán

Partly based on Alarcón's own memories of growing up in Mexico and California, these joyous, universal poems will inspire all readers to dream their own dreams for a better, compassionate, and loving world.



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Family Pictures/Cuadros de familia • written and illustrated by Carmen Lomas Garza • The story of Carmen Lomas Garza's

story of Carmen Lomas Garza girlhood in Kingsville, Texas, told through fifteen paintings and stories, each focusing on a different aspect of Carmen's traditional Mexican American culture as she grew up.



leeandlow.com/books/ marti-s-song-for-freedommarti-y-sus-versos-por-lalibertad

Martí's Song for Freedom/
Martí y sus versos por la
libertad • written by Emma
Otheguy, illustrated by Beatriz
Vidal • José Marti dedicated his
life to the promotion of liberty:
the abolishment of slavery,
political independence for Cuba,
and intellectual independence
from colonialism for all Latinos.
This bilingual biography is written
in verse with excerpts from
Martí's seminal work, Versos



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Prietita and the Ghost Woman/ Prietita y la llorona • written by Gloria Anzaldúa, illustrated by Maya Christina Gonzalez Readers are in for a magical journey in this reinterpretation of the famous Mexican legend of *la*

Llorona, the ghost woman.



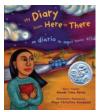
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Sharuko: El arqueólogo peruano Julio C. Tello/ Peruvian Archeologist Julio C. Tello · written by Monica Brown, illustrated by Elisa Chavarri · A fascinating bilingual picture book biography of Peruvian archeologist and national icon Julio C. Tello,

who unearthed Peru's ancient

country's Indigenous history.

cultures and fostered pride in the



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My Diary from Here to There/ Mi diario de aquí hasta allá • written by Amada Irma Pérez, illustrated by Maya Christina Gonzalez • Amada records her fears, hopes and dreams about moving from Mexico to the other side of the border in California in her trusted diary.

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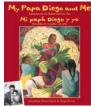
The Storyteller's Candle/La velita de los cuentos · written by Lucía González, illustrated by Lulu Delacre · Cousins
Hildamar and Santiago long for their home in Puerto Rico—until they discover the library, thanks to Pura Belpré, New York City's first Latina librarian. Winner of the Pura Belpré Award Honor.



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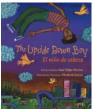
Friends from the Other Side/ Amigos del otro lado • written by Gloria Anzaldúa, illustrated by Consuelo Mendez • This

poignant immigration story captures not only the hardship of daily life on the border, but also the beauty of the landscape and the dignity and generosity of spirit that Mexican Americans and Mexican immigrants share.



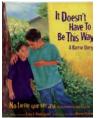
leeandlow.com/books/ my-papa-diego-and-memi-papa-diego-y-yo

My Papa Diego and Me/Mi papá Diego y yo • written by Guadalupe Marín, illustrated by Diego Rivera • Guadalupe Rivera Marín shares some of her childhood memories of her father, world-renowned artist Diego Rivera, in this intimate artistic portrait.



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The Upside Down Boy/El niño de cabeza · written by Juan Felipe Herrera, illustrated by Elizabeth Gómez · The Upside Down Boy/El niño de cabeza is former US Poet Laureate Juan Felipe Herrera's engaging memoir of the year his migrant family settled down so that he could go to school for the first time.



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It Doesn't Have to Be This Way/No tiene que ser así · written by Luis Rodríguez, illustrated by Daniel Galvez

A compelling tale of a young boy's encounter with the world of gangs—a world that author Luis J. Rodriguez knows firshand. There is no easy answer to Monchi's dilemma, but the love and respect of his uncle help him find a way out.



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My Very Own Room/Mi propio cuartito • written by Amada Irma Pérez, illustrated by Maya Christina Gonzalez • In this delightful memoir of a California childhood, a girl tries to carve out space for herself among five brothers, two parents, and a house full of visiting relatives.



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Yum! Mmmm! Qué Rico!
America's Sproutings & Yum!
¡MmMm! ¡Qué rico! Brotes
de las Américas • written
by Pat Mora, illustrated by
Rafael López • In this delightful
collection of haiku, awardwinning poet Pat Mora explores
the many foods native to the
Americas, including peanuts,
blueberries, corn, potatoes, and
more.



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