



Pura Belpré Award

The Pura Belpré Award, established in 1996, is presented to a Latino/Latina writer and illustrator whose work best portrays, affirms, and celebrates the Latino cultural experience in an outstanding work of literature for children and youth. It is co-sponsored by the Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC), a division of the American Library Association (ALA), and the National Association to Promote Library and Information Services to Latinos and the Spanish-Speaking (REFORMA), an ALA Affiliate. The award is given every two years. The award is named after Pura Belpré, the first Latina librarian at the New York Public Library. As a children's librarian, storyteller, and author, she enriched the lives of Puerto Rican children in the U.S.A. through her pioneering work of preserving and disseminating Puerto Rican folklore.

Pura Belpré Author Award

- 2011** *The Dreamer* by Pam Muñoz Ryan • JRyan
- 2010** *Return to Sender* by Julia Alvarez • J Alva
- 2009** *The Surrender Tree: Poems of Cuba's Struggle for Freedom* by Margarita Engle • YA Engl
- 2008** *The Poet Slave Of Cuba: A Biography Of Juan Francisco Manzano* By Margarita Engle • B Manzano, Juan
- 2006** *The Tequila Worm*
by Viola Canales • YA Cana
- 2004** *Before We Were Free*
by Julia Alvarez • YA Alva
- 2002** *Esperanza Rising*
by Pam Muñoz Ryan • YA Ryan
- 2000** *Under the Royal Palms: A Childhood in Cuba* by Alma Flor Ada • JB Ada, Alma Flor
- 1998** *Parrot in the Oven: mi vida*
by Victor Martinez • YA Mart
- 1996** *An Island Like You: Stories of the Barrio* by Judith Ortiz Cofer • *not available, may be requested by Inter-Library Loan*

Pura Belpré Illustrator Award

- 2011** *Grandma's Gift* by Eric Velasquez • E Vel
- 2010** *Book Fiesta* by Pat Mora • E Mor
- 2009** *Just In Case: a Trickster Tale and Spanish Alphabet book* by Yuyi Morales • E Mor
- 2008** *Los Gatos Black On Halloween*
By Marisa Montes • E Mon
- 2006** *Doña Flor: A Tall Tale About a Giant Woman with a Great Big Heart*
Illus. by Raul Colón; written by Pat Mora.
• E Mor
- 2004** *Just a Minute: a Trickster Tale and Counting Book* by Yuyi Morales. • J398.2972 Mor
- 2002** *Chato and the Party Animals* Illus. by Susan Guevara; by Gary Soto • E Sot
- 2000** *Magic Windows* by Carmen Lomas Garza • *not available, may be requested by Inter-Library Loan*
- 1998** *Snapshots from the Wedding*
Illus. by Stephanie Garcia; by Gary Soto
• E Sot
- 1996** *Chato's Kitchen* Illus. by Susan Guevara; by Gary Soto • E Sot

