

RECOMMENDED READING ▶▶▶

This year's Brave Books exhibit, as well as this book list, celebrates children's and young adult literature of the US-México Borderlands and beyond, including books about the Mexican and Central American experience in both Latin America and the United States.

Picture Books

A Day's Work by Eve Bunting, illustrated by Ronald Himler
Dreamers, written and illustrated by Yuyi Morales
Frida Kahlo and Her Animalitos by Monica Brown, illustrated by John Parra
*La Frontera: El viaje con papá/My Journey with Papa** by Alfredo Alva and Deborah Mills, illustrated by Claudia Navarro
Funny Bones: Posada and His Day of the Dead Calaveras by Duncan Tonatiuh
Green Is a Chile Pepper: A Book of Colors by Roseanne Greenfield Thong, illustrated John Parra
*Listen to the Desert/Oye al desierto** by Pat Mora, illustrated by Francisco X. Mora
Lucía the Luchadora by Cynthia Leonor Garza, illustrated by Alyssa Bermudez
*My Tata's Remedies/Los remedios de mi tata** by Roni Capin Rivera-Asford, illustrated by Antonio Castro L.
Niño Wrestles the World, written and illustrated by Yuyi Morales
Pancho Rabbit and the Coyote, written and illustrated by Duncan Tonatiuh
The Princess & the Warrior, written and illustrated by Duncan Tonatiuh

Round Is a Tortilla: A Book of Shapes by Roseanne Greenfield Thong, illustrated by John Parra
Separate Is Never Equal: Sylvia Mendez and Her Family's Fight for Desegregation, written and illustrated by Duncan Tonatiuh
Seven Pablos by Jorge Luján, illustrated by Chiara Carer
Yo Soy Muslim by Mark Gonzales, illustrated by Mehrokhani Amiri

Children's Poetry & Novels-in-Verse

*Angels Riding Bikes/Los Angeles Andan en Bicicleta** by Francisco X. Alarcón, illustrated by Maya Christina Gonzalez
Confetti: Poems for Children by Pat Mora, illustrated by Enrique O. Sanchez
*Cool Salsa: Bilingual Poems on Growing up Latino in the United States**, edited by Lori M. Carlson
*Iguanas in the Snow/Iguanas en la nieve** by Francisco X. Alarcón, illustrated by Maya Christina Gonzalez
*Laughing Tomatoes/Jitomates Risueños** by Francisco X. Alarcón, illustrated by Maya Christina Gonzalez
*Red Hot Salsa: Bilingual Poems on Being Young and Latino in the United States**, edited by Lori Marie Carlson
They Call Me Güero: A Border Kid's Poems by David Bowles
Under the Mesquite by Guadalupe Garcia McCall

Young Adult

Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe by Benjamin Alire Sáenz
The Circuit: Stories from the Life of a Migrant Child by Francisco Jiménez
The Distance Between Us: A Memoir by Reyna Grande
Enrique's Journey by Sonia Nazario
The First Rule of Punk by Celia C. Pérez
The House on Mango Street by Sandra Cisneros
I Am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter by Erika L. Sánchez
The Last of the Menu Girls by Denise Chávez
The Only Road by Alexandra Diaz
The Smoking Mirror: Garza Twins, Book One by David Bowles
So Far from God by Ana Castillo
*...Y no se lo tragó la tierra/...And the Earth Did Not Devour Him** by Tomás Rivera

*Indicates books that are Spanish-English bilingual