6th Annual Latinx Read-In Week Recommended Booklist

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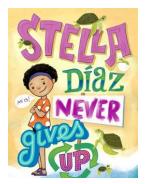
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TK - 2nd Grade Recommended Books

1. Stella Diaz Never Gives Up by Angela Dominquez

Stella gets a big surprise when her mom plans a trip to visit their family in Mexico! Stella loves marine animals, and she can't wait to see the ocean for the first time . . . until she arrives and learns that the sea and its life forms are in danger due to pollution. Stella wants to save the ocean, but she knows she can't do it alone. It's going to take a lot of work and help from old and new friends to make a difference, but Stella Díaz never gives up!



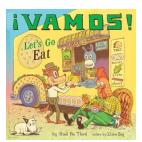
2. Felíz New Year, Ava Gabriela! by Alexandra Alessandri

Ava Gabriela is visiting her extended family in Colombia for the holidays. She's excited to take part in family traditions such as making bunuelos, but being around all her loud relatives in an unfamiliar place makes Ava shy and quiet. How will Ava find her voice before she misses out on all the New Year's fun?



3. Vamos! Let's Go Eat by Raul the Third

In this new Vamos! title, *Let's Go Eat*, Little Lobo is excited to take in a show with wrestling star El Toro in his bustling border town. After his friends help prepare for the event, Little Lobo takes readers on a tour of food trucks that sell his favorite foods, like red pepper quesadillas and Mexican-Korean tacos. Peppered with easy-to-remember Latin-American Spanish vocabulary, this glorious celebration of food is sure to leave every reader hungry for lunch!



4. A New Kind of Wild by Zara Gonzalez Hoang

For Ren, home is his grandmother's little house, and the lush forest that surrounds it. For Ava, home is a brick and cement city, where there's always something to do or see or hear. When Ren moves to Ava's city, he feels lost without his wild. How will he ever feel at home in a place with no green and no magic, where everything is exactly what it seems? Ren discovers that nothing makes you feel at home quite like a friend.



5. Queen of Tejano Music: Selena by Silvia Lopez

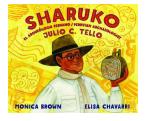
Selena Quintanilla's music career began at the age of nine when she started singing in her family's band. She went from using a hairbrush as a microphone to traveling from town to town to play gigs. But Selena faced a challenge: People said that she would never make it in Tejano music, which was dominated by male performers. Selena was determined to prove them wrong. Born and raised in Texas, Selena didn't know how to speak Spanish, but with the help of her dad, she learned to sing it. With songs written and composed by her older brother and the fun dance steps Selena created, her band, Selena Y Los Dinos, rose to stardom!



3rd - 5th Grade Recommended Books

1. Sharuko: El arqueólogo peruano Julio C. Tello / Peruvian Archaeologist Julio C. Tello by Monica Brown, Elisa Chavarri (Illustrator)

Growing up in the late 1800s, Julio Tello, an Indigenous boy, spent time exploring the caves and burial grounds in the foothills of the Peruvian Andes.



Nothing scared Julio, not even the ancient human skulls he found. His bravery earned him the boyhood nickname Sharuko, which means "brave" in Quechua, the language of the Native people of Peru. Over his lifetime, Julio Tello made many revolutionary discoveries at archaeological sites around Peru, and he worked to preserve the historical treasures he excavated. He showed that Peru's Indigenous cultures had been established thousands of years ago, disproving the popular belief that Peruvian culture had been introduced more recently from other countries. He fostered pride in his country's Indigenous ancestry, making him a hero to all Peruvians.

2. Love, Sugar, Magic: A Mixture of Mischief by Anna Meriano

It's spring break in Rose Hill, Texas, but Leo Logroño has a lot of work to do if she's going to become a full-fledged bruja like the rest of her family. She still hasn't discovered the true nature of her magical abilities, and that isn't the only bit of trouble in her life: Her family's baking heirlooms have begun to go missing, and a new bakery called Honeybees has opened across town, threatening to run Amor y Azúcar right out of business. This is the third book in the Love, Sugar, Magic series.



3. *Eunice and Kate* by Mariana Llanos

Eunice and Kate are best friends, but can their friendship weather a storm? The girls live with their moms next door to each other in the heart of the city and have a lot in common—even though they have different dreams for the future: Kate wants to be an astronaut and Eunice wants to be a ballet dancer. But when they draw portraits of each other in art class, things get mixed up. Eunice draws Kate as a ballet dancer and Kate draws Eunice as an astronaut, and they both get more than a little annoyed. Can their friendship survive?



4. What If a Fish by Anika Fajardo

Half-Colombian Eddie Aguado has never really *felt* Colombian. Especially after Papa died. And since Mama keeps her memories of Papa locked up where Eddie can't get to them, he only has Papa's third-place fishing tournament medal to remember him by. He'll have to figure out how to be more Colombian on his own. As if by magic, the perfect opportunity arises. Eddie—who's never left Minnesota—is invited to spend the summer in Colombia with his older half-brother. But as his adventure unfolds, he feels more and more like a fish out of water. Figuring out how to be a true colombiano might be more difficult than he thought.



5. Lupe Wong Won't Dance by Donna Barba Higuera

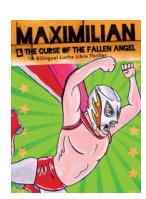
Lupe Wong is going to be the first female pitcher in the Major Leagues. She's also championed causes her whole young life. Some worthy...like expanding the options for race on school tests beyond just a few bubbles. And some not so much...like complaining to the BBC about the length between Doctor Who seasons. Lupe needs an A in all her classes in order to meet her favorite pitcher, Fu Li Hernandez, who's Chinacan/Mexinese just like her. So when the horror that is square dancing rears its head in the gym? Obviously she's not gonna let that slide.



6th - 8th Grade Recommended Books

1. Maximilian: The Curse of the Fallen Angel by Xavier Garza

It's the end of an era! Max's uncle —legendary luchador, the Guardian Angel— is getting married and walking away from wrestling! Max was set on taking over the wrestling role, but not so soon. He's just fourteen! To make it worse, his uncle chose a wild new wrestler for his last match, the Fallen Angel. If the villain wins, will the legend of the Guardian Angel die before Max is ready to put on the mask?



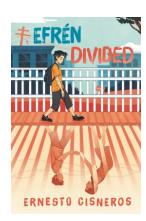
2. Mañanaland by Pam Muñoz Ryan

Maximiliano Córdoba loves stories, especially the legend Buelo tells him about a mythical gatekeeper who can guide brave travelers on a journey into tomorrow. If Max could see tomorrow, he would know if he'd make Santa Maria's celebrated fútbol team and whether he'd ever meet his mother, who disappeared when he was a baby. He longs to know more about her, but Papá won't talk. So when Max uncovers a buried family secret--involving an underground network of guardians who lead people fleeing a neighboring country to safety--he decides to seek answers on his own.



3. Efrén Divided by Ernesto Cisneros

Efrén Nava's Amá is his Superwoman—or Soperwoman, named after the delicious Mexican sopes his mother often prepares. Both Amá and Apá work hard all day to provide for the family, making sure Efrén and his younger siblings Max and Mía feel safe and loved. But Efrén worries about his parents; although he's American-born, his parents are undocumented. His worst nightmare comes true one day when Amá doesn't return from work and is deported across the border to Tijuana, México.



4. With a Star in My Hand: Rubén Darío, Poetry Hero by Margarita Engle

As a little boy, Rubén Darío loved to listen to his great uncle, a man who told tall tales in a booming, larger-than-life voice. Rubén quickly learned the magic of storytelling, and discovered the rapture and beauty of verse. A restless and romantic soul, Rubén traveled across Central and South America seeking adventure and connection. As he discovered new places and new loves, he wrote poems to express his wild storm of feelings. But the traditional forms felt too restrictive. He began to improvise his own poetic forms so he could capture the entire world in his words. At the age of twenty-one, he published his first book *Azul*, which heralded a vibrant new literary movement called *Modernismo* that blended poetry and prose into something magical.



5. Each Tiny Spark by Pablo Cartaya

Emilia Torres has a wandering mind. It's hard for her to follow along at school, and sometimes she forgets to do what her mom or abuela asks. But she remembers what matters: a time when her family was whole and home made sense. When Dad returns from deployment, Emilia expects that her life will get back to normal. Instead, it unravels. Dad shuts himself in the back stall of their family's auto shop to work on an old car. Emilia peeks in on him daily, mesmerized by his welder. One day, Dad calls Emilia over. Then, he teaches her how to weld. And over time, flickers of her old dad reappear. But as Emilia finds a way to repair the relationship with her father at home, her community ruptures with some of her classmates, like her best friend, Gus, at the center of the conflict.



9th - 12th Grade Recommended Books

1. Woven in Moonlight by Isabel Ibañez

Ximena is the decoy Condesa, a stand-in for the last remaining Illustrian royal. Her people lost everything when the usurper, Atoc, used an ancient relic to summon ghosts and drive the Illustrations from La Ciudad. Now Ximena's motivated by her insatiable thirst for revenge, and her rare ability to spin thread from moonlight.

2. The New David Espinoza by Fred Aceves

David Espinoza is tired of being messed with. When a video of him getting knocked down by a bully's slap goes viral at the end of junior year, David vows to use the summer to bulk up— do what it takes to become a man—and wow everyone when school starts again that fall. Soon David is spending all his time and money at Iron Life, a nearby gym that's full of bodybuilders. Frustrated with his slow progress, his life eventually becomes all about his muscle gains. As it says on the Iron Life wall, *What does not kill me makes me stronger*.

3. Running by Natalia Sylvester

When fifteen-year-old Cuban American Mariana Ruiz's father runs for president, Mari starts to see him with new eyes. A novel about waking up and standing up, and what happens when you stop seeing your dad as your hero—while the whole country is watching.

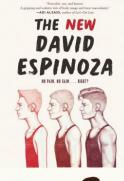
4. We Are Note From Here by Jenny Torres Sanchez

Pulga has his dreams. Chico has his grief. Pequeña has her pride. And these three teens have one another. But none of them have illusions about the town they've grown up in and the dangers that surround them. Even with the love of family, threats lurk around every corner. And when those threats become all too real, the trio knows they have no choice but to run: from their country, from their families, from their beloved home.

5. Clap When You Land by Elizabeth Acevedo

Camino Rios lives for the summers when her father visits her in the Dominican Republic. But this time, on the day when his plane is supposed to land, Camino arrives at the airport to see crowds of crying people...In New York City, Yahaira Rios is called to the principal's office, where her mother is waiting to tell her that her father, her hero, has died in a plane crash. Separated by distance—and Papi's secrets—the two girls are forced to face a new reality in which their father is dead and their lives are forever altered. And then, when it seems like they've lost everything of their father, they learn of each other.







Additional Recommended Books

Organized by grade level (lowest to highest), then author's last name:

TITLE	FIRST NAME	AUTHOR LAST NAME	GRADE LEVEL
The Christmas Tree/ El arbol de Navidad	Alma Flor	Ada	TK – K
¿Quién nacerá aquí?	Alma Flor	Ada	TK – K
La tataranieta cucarachita	Alma Flor	Ada	TK – K
Los 6 deseos de la jírafa	Alma Flor	Ada	TK – K
Sale el oso	Alma Flor	Ada	TK – K
Why are you doing that?	Amado, Elisa	Amado	TK – K
Last Stop on Market Street	Matt	de la Peña	TK - K
Maybe Something Beautiful	F. Isabel	Campoy	TK - 2
Quinito's Neighborhood	Ina	Cumpiano	TK - 2
Lightkeepers to the Rescue!	Marisa	de Jesus Paolicelli	TK – K
The Bossy Gallito/El Gallo de Bodas	Lucia M.	Gonzalez	TK – K
The Rooster Who Would Not Be Quiet!	Carmen	Agra Deedy	TK – 2
Maybe Something Beautiful: How Art Transformed a Neighborhood	F. Isabel	Campoy	TK – 2
Sing, Don't Cry	Angela	Dominguez	TK – 2
Calling the Doves/ El Canto de las Palomas	Juan	Felipe Herrera	TK - 2
Furqan's First Flat Top, El primer corte de mesita de Furqan	Robert	Liu-Trujillo	TK – 2
Viva Friday	Yuyi	Morales	TK - 2
What Can You Do with a Paleta?	Carmen	Tafola	TK - 2
Gathering the Sun	Alma Flor	Ada	TK – 3
My Name Is Celia:The Life of Celia Cruz/ Me llamo Celia: La vida de Celia Cruz	Monica	Brown	TK - 3
Side by Side: The Story of Dolores Huerta and Cesar Chavez / Lado a lado: La historia de Dolores Huerta y Cesar Chavez	Monica	Brown	TK - 3
Alma and How She Got Her Name	Juana	Martinez-Neal	TK - 3
La Princesa and the Pea	Juana	Martinez-Neal	TK – 3
Dreamers	Yuri	Morales	TK - 3
Turning Pages: My Life Story	Sonia	Sotomayor	TK - 3
Maria had a little llama / María tenía una llamita	Angela	Dominguez	K – 1
The Secret Footprints	Julia	Alvarez	K – 2
Jimmy the Greatest!	Jairo	Buitrago	K – 2
My Name is Celia: The Life of Celia Cruz/ Me llamo Celia: La Vida de Celia Cruz	Monica	Brown	K - 2
Ten Little Puppies/ Diez Perritos	Isabel	Campoy	K – 2
Be My Valentine	Isabel	Campoy	K – 2
The New Hamster	Isabel	Campoy	K – 2

Year by Year	Isabel	Campoy	K – 2
My Place	Isabel	Campoy	K – 2
Parents' Night	Isabel	Campoy	K – 2
Abuela	Arthur	Dorros	K – 2
Little Roja Riding Hood	Susan Middleton	Elya	K – 2
The Empanadas That Abuela Made	Diane	Gonzales Bertrand	K – 2
Tiger, Tiger	Susan	Guevara	K – 2
Señor Pancho had a rancho	René Colato	Laínez	K – 2
Mango, Abuela, and Me	Meg	Medina	K - 2
Just a Minute: A Trickster Tale and Counting Book	Yuyi	Morales	K – 2
Chato and the Party Animals	Gary	Soto	K – 2
What Can You Do with a Paleta? / ¿Qué puedes hacer con una paleta?	Carmen	Tafolla	K – 2
What Can You Do with a Rebozo? / ¿Qué puedes hacer con un rebozo?	Carmen	Tafolla	K – 2
Mi familia calaca / My skeleton family	Cynthia	Weill	K – 2
l Love Saturdays and Domingos	Alma Flor	Ada	K – 3
La lagartija y el sol	Alma Flor	Ada	K – 3
Xochitl and the Flowers: Xóchitl, la Niña de las Flores	Jorge	Argueta	K – 3
Salsa: Un poema para cocinar / A Cooking Poem (Bilingual Cooking Poems)	Jorge	Argueta	K – 3
Guacamole: Un poema para cocinar / A Cooking Poem (Bilingual Cooking Poems)	Jorge	Argueta	K – 3
Tamalitos: Un poema para cocinar / A Cooking Poem (Bilingual Cooking Poems)	Jorge	Argueta	K – 3
Arroz con leche / Rice Pudding: Un poema para cocinar / A Cooking Poem (Bilingual Cooking Poems)	Jorge	Argueta	K – 3
Sopa de frijoles/Bean Soup (Bilingual Cooking Poems)	Jorge	Argueta	K – 3
Talking with Mother Earth / Hablando con madre tierra: Poems / Poemas		Argueta	K – 3
Abuela's Weave	Omar	Castaneda	K – 3
From North to South: Del Norte al Sur	René	Colato Laínez	K - 3
Isla	Arthur	Dorros	K – 3
Mama and Me	Arthur	Dorros	K – 3
Papa and Me	Arthur	Dorros	K – 3
My Colors, My World / mis colores, mi mundo	Maya Christina	Gonzalez	K – 3
Juana and Lucas	Juana	Medina	K - 3
Doña Flor	Pat	Mora	K – 3
Niño Wrestles the World	Yuyi	Morales	K – 3
Big Bushy Mustache	Gary	Soto	K – 3
Chato's Kitchen	Gary	Soto	K – 3

Chato Goes Cruising	Gary	Soto	K – 3
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