

**The Boy Who Touched the Stars=El Niño que Alcanzó las Estrellas** by José M.

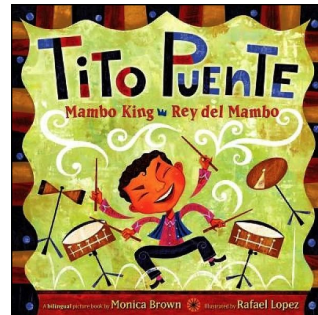
Hernandez, illustrated by Steven James Petriccio (2019)

Autobiography of a man who was born into a migrant farm working family and grew up to be a NASA astronaut. **SP JB HERNANDEZ H**

**Tito Puente, Mambo King=Tito Puente, Rey del Mambo** by Monica Brown,

illustrated by Rafael López (2013)

Brightly colored illustrations and text follow the life of Tito Puente, from his childhood in Harlem, New York, to his career as a Grammy award winning drummer. **JB PUENTE B**



**When Angels Sing: The Story of Rock Legend Carlos Santana** by

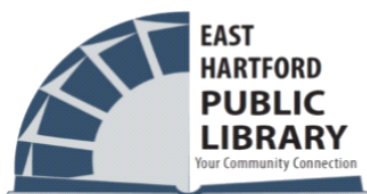
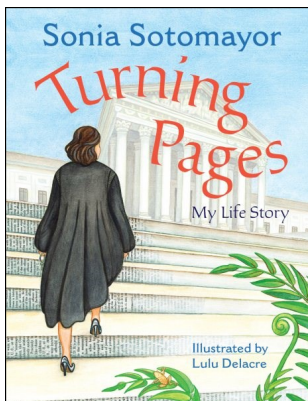
Michael Mahin, art by Jose Ramirez (2018)

Tells the life story of rock musician Carlos Santana. **JB SANTANA M (K-3, A6-9, A6-11)**

**Turning Pages: My Life Story** by

Sonia Sotomayor, illustrated by Lulu Delacre (2018)

Recounts the Supreme Court Justice's childhood, focusing on how she used books as inspiration to reach her dreams. **JB SOTOMAYOR S (K-2, A5-10)**

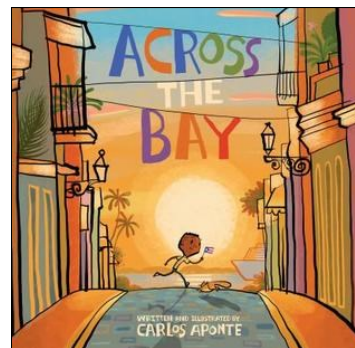


**Grades K-1: Books by and/or about Hispanic Americans**

**Picture Books**

**I Love Saturdays y Domingos** by Alma Flor Ada, illustrated by Elivia Savadier (2002) A young girl enjoys the similarities and the differences between her English-speaking and Spanish-speaking grandparents. **JJ ADA**

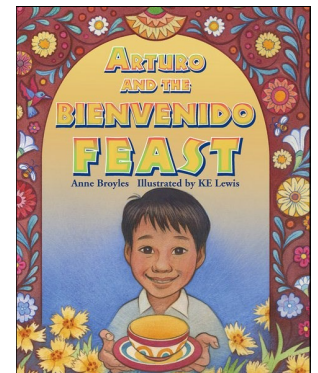
**Across the Bay** by Carolos Aponte (2019) Carlitos lives in a happy home with his mother, his abuela, and Coco the cat. Life in his hometown is cozy as can be, but the call of the capital city pulls Carlitos across the bay in search of his father. **JJ APONTE**



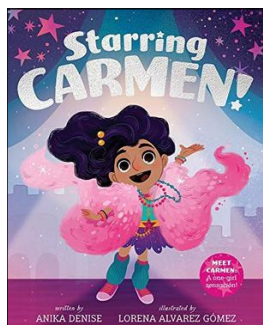
**Sofia Valdez, Future Prez** by Andrea Beaty, illustrated by David Roberts (2019) When her abuelo is injured at the local landfill, second-grader Sofia is determined to transform the dangerous Mount Trashmore into a park, taking on City Hall in the process. **JJ BEATY**

**Arturo and the Bienvenido Feast** by Anne Broyles, illustrated by KE Lewis (2017) Arturo and his grandmother, Abue Rosa, are preparing a welcome dinner for his aunt's fiancé, but when his grandmother unexpectedly needs to rest, Arturo must prepare the feast himself. **JJ BROYLES**

**Bodega Cat** by Louie Chin (2019) Told from the perspective of a spunky bodega-dwelling cat name Chip, this picture book story describes the ins and outs of a bustling neighborhood market filled with interesting friends, great food, hard work, and lots of fun. **JJ CHIN (A6-10, A3-5)**



**Carmela Full of Wishes** by Matt De La Peña, illustrated by Christian Robinson (2018) Carmela, finally old enough to run errands with her brother, tries to think of the perfect wish, while his wish seems to be that she stayed home. **JJ DE LA PEÑA**



**Starring Carmen!** by Anika Denise, illustrated by Lorena Alvarez Gomez (2017) Singer, dancer, actress, and costume designer Carmen puts on a show every night for her exhausted parents, who would like Carmen to share the stage with her biggest fan, her little brother Eduardo. Sequel: *Lights, Camera, Carmen!*. **JJ DENISE**

**Alma and How She Got Her Name** by Juana Martinez-Neal (2018) When Alma Sofia Esperanza José Pura Candela asks her father why she has

so many names, she hears the story of her name and learns about her grandparents. **JJ MARTINEZ-NEAL**

**Our Celebración!** by Susan Middleton Elya, illustrated by Ana Aranda (2018) A brief rain shower does not dampen a Latino family's enjoyment of their town's parade and summer celebration, which includes street food, bands, a corn princess, and fireworks. Also check out other books by Susan Middleton Elya. **JJ ELYA**

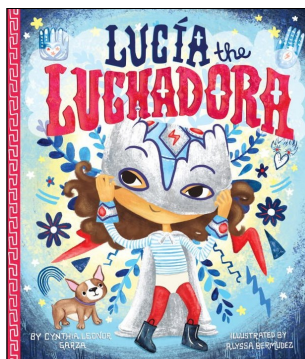


**Abuela** by Arthur Dorros, illustrated by Elisa Kleven (1991) While riding on a bus with her grandmother, a little girl imagines that they are carried up into the sky and fly over the sights of New York City. **JJ DORROS**

**Lucía the Luchadora** by Cynthia Leonor

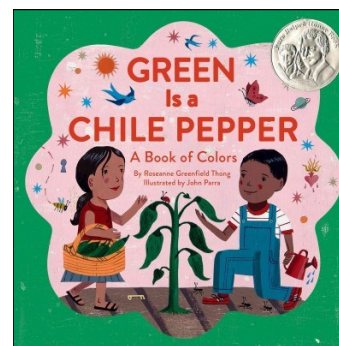
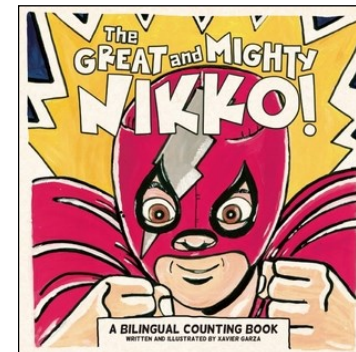
Garza, illustrated by Allyssa Bermudez (2017)

Lucia zips through the playground in her cape just like the boys, but when they tell her 'girls can't be superheroes', suddenly she doesn't feel so mighty. That's when her beloved abuela reveals a dazzling secret: Lucia comes from a family of luchadoras, the bold and valiant women of the Mexican lucha libre tradition. But when she's confronted with a case of injustice, Lucia must decide if she can stay true to the ways of the luchadora and fight for what is right,



even if it means breaking the sacred rule of never revealing the identity behind her mask. Sequel: *Lucía the Luchadora and the Million Masks*. **JJ GARZA**

**The Great and Mighty Nikko!** by Xavier Garza (2015) Nikko's mother wants him to stop jumping on his bed, but he's not jumping on his bed, as he tried to convince her. Instead there are luchadors, masked wrestlers, trying to fight him one at a time. In the end, of course, Nikko is the winner: the great and mighty Nikko! **SP JJ GARZA**



**Green is a Chile Pepper** by Roseanne Greenfield Thong, illustrated by John Parra (2014) A little girl discovers all the bright colors in her Hispanic American neighborhood. Also: *One is a Piñata: A Book of Numbers*. **JJ THONG**

**I Pledge Allegiance** by Pat Mora & Libby Martinez, illustrated by Patrice Barton (2014) Libby and her great-aunt, Lobo, both learn the Pledge of Allegiance-- Libby for school, and Lobo for her U.S. citizenship ceremony. **JJ MORA**

**Dreamers** by Yuyi Morales (2018) An illustrated picture book autobiography in which award-winning author Yuyi Morales tells her own immigration story. **JJ MORALES**

## Biographies

### Books about Hispanic Americans

**Planting Stories: The Life of Librarian and Storyteller Pura Belpré** by Anika Denise, illustrated by Escobar (2019) Describes the life and accomplishments of Pura Belpré, a Puerto Rican librarian who introduced the folk tales of her native island first to the children of New York and afterwards throughout the country. **JB BELPRE**

