



Stories of

# IMMIGRATION

Perspectives from Pura Belpré Medal and Honor Books

As our nation grapples with the uncertain future of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, REFORMA and ALSC's 2018 Pura Belpré Award Committee has compiled a list of past Belpré medal and honor books that address the Latino/a immigration experience and provide young readers with insight into the very real struggles and choices faced by families every day. This list is presented in solidarity with Dreamers, immigrants, and undocumented people everywhere.

Agosín, Marjorie, illustrated by Lee White. **I Lived on Butterfly Hill.** (Atheneum/Simon & Schuster)  
2015 Medal Winner for narrative

Alvarez, Julia. **Return to Sender.** (Knopf)  
2010 Medal Winner for narrative

Bernier-Grand, Carmen T., illustrated by David Diaz. **César: ¡Sí, Se Puede! Yes, We Can!** (Marshall Cavendish)  
2006 Honor Book for illustration

Diaz, Alexandra. **The Only Road.** (Simon & Schuster/Paula Wiseman)  
2017 Honor Book for narrative

Flores-Galbis, Enrique. **90 Miles to Havana.** (Roaring Brook)  
2011 Honor Book for narrative

Jiménez, Francisco. **Breaking Through.** (Houghton Mifflin Company)  
2002 Honor Book for narrative

Jiménez, Francisco. **Reaching Out.** (Houghton Mifflin Company)  
2009 Honor Book for narrative

Krull, Kathleen, illustrated by Yuyi Morales. **Harvesting Hope: The Story of Cesar Chavez.** (Harcourt, Inc.)  
2004 Honor Book for illustration

Pérez, Amada Irma. **My Diary from Here to There/Mi Diario de Aquí Hasta Allá.** (Children's Book Press)  
2004 Honor Book for narrative

Pérez, L. King, illustrated by Robert Casilla. **First Day in Grapes.** (Lee & Low Books, Inc.)  
2004 Honor Book for illustration

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- Ryan, Pam Muñoz. **Esperanza Rising**. (Scholastic Press)  
2002 Medal Winner for narrative
- Tonatiuh, Duncan. **Dear Primo: A Letter to My Cousin**. (Abrams)  
2011 Honor Book for illustration
- Tonatiuh, Duncan. **Pancho Rabbit and the Coyote: A Migrant's Tale**. (Abrams)  
2014 Honor Book for narrative and Honor Book for illustration
- Tonatiuh, Duncan. **Separate Is Never Equal: Sylvia Mendez & Her Family's Fight for Desegregation**. (Abrams)  
2015 Honor Book for illustration

### Statements on DACA repeal:

- REFORMA and the American Library Association and have made statements in response to the end of the DACA program that express support for the nearly 800,000 Dreamers and provide resources and best practices to better serve immigrant populations .
- A link to each statement is below.

[REFORMA Response to DACA Repeal](#)

[ALA Response to DACA Repeal](#)



■ The Pura Belpré Award, established in 1996, is presented annually to a Latino/a 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 REFORMA, the National Association to Promote Library and Information Services to Latinos and the Spanish-Speaking, an ALA affiliate.