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AWARDS**

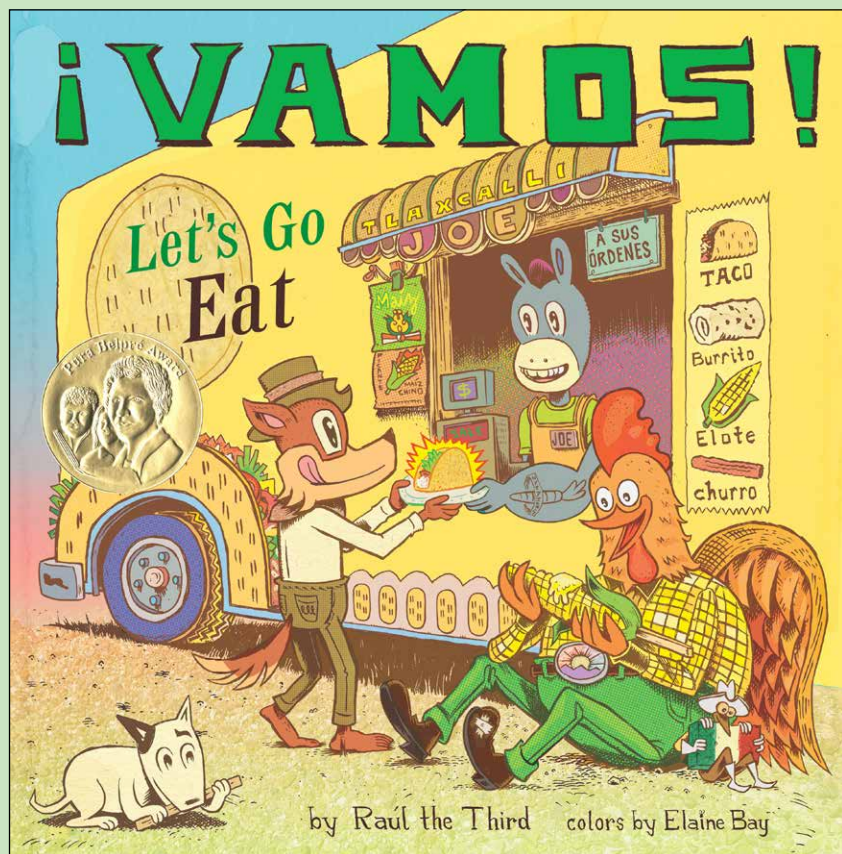
25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRACIÓN

JUNE 27, 2021
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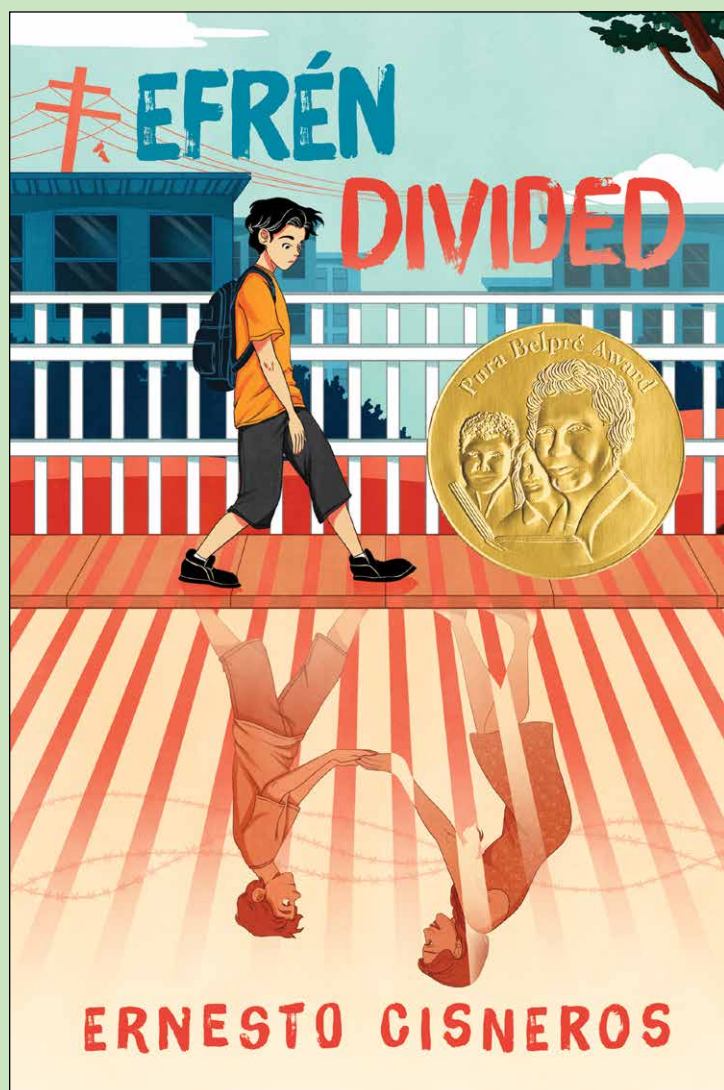
AWARD WINNERS

Raúl The Third
Youth Illustrator Medal Winner



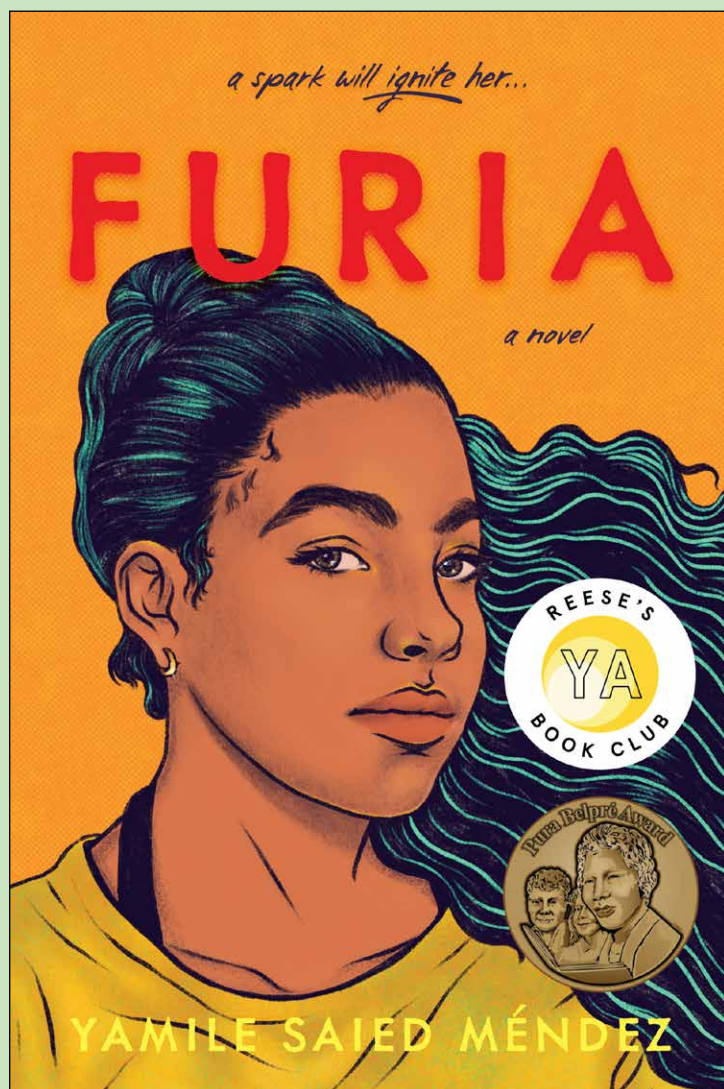
¡Vamos! Let's Go Eat Published by Versify/Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

Ernesto Cisneros
Children's Author Medal Winner



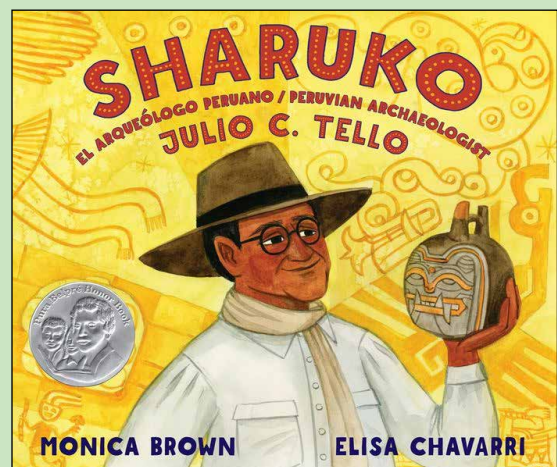
Efrén Divided Published by Quill Tree Books, an imprint of Harper Collins Children's Books

Yamile Saied Méndez
Young Adult Medal Winner



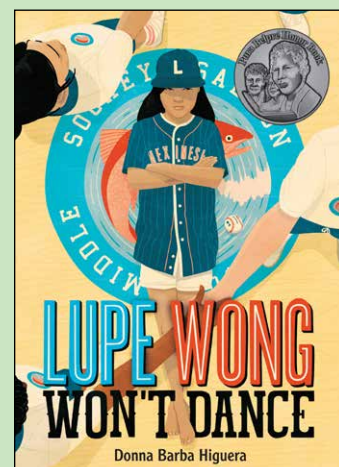
Furia Published by Algonquin Young Readers, an imprint of Algonquin Books of Chapel Hill, a division of Workman Publishing

Elisa Chavarri
Youth Illustrator Honoree



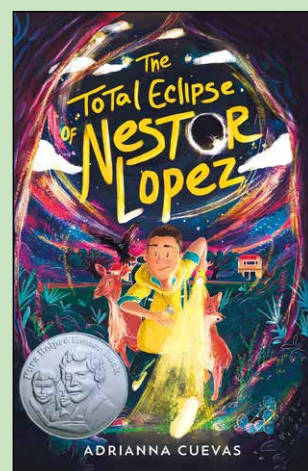
Sharuko: El arqueólogo peruano/Peruvian Archaeologist Julio C. Tello Written by Monica Brown Published by Children's Book Press, an imprint of Lee & Low Books

Donna Barba Higuera
Children's Author Honoree



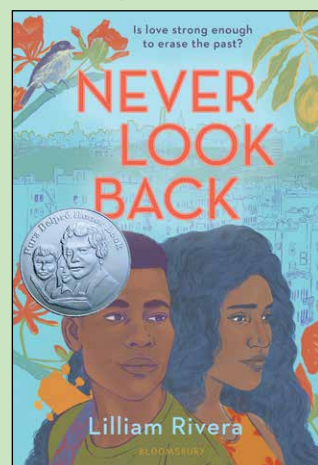
Lupe Wong Won't Dance Published by Levine Querido, Arthur A. Levine

Adrianna Cuevas
Children's Author Honoree



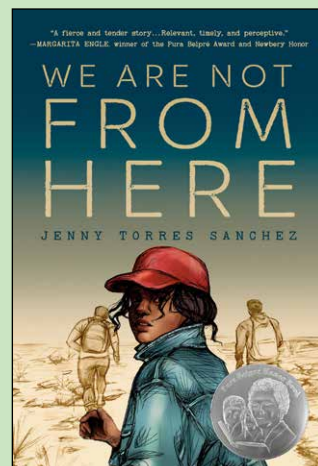
The Total Eclipse of Nestor Lopez Published by Farrar, Straus and Giroux Books for Young Readers, an imprint of Macmillan Children's Publishing Group

Lilliam Rivera
Young Adult Honoree



Never Look Back Published by Bloomsbury YA

Jenny Torres Sanchez
Young Adult Honoree



We Are Not from Here Published by Philomel Books, an imprint of Penguin Young Readers, a division of Penguin Random House

Event Schedule

2021 Pura Belpré Award Selection

Committee: Jessica Agudelo, Chair, Martín Blasco, Mara Cota, Priscilla K. Delgado, Rosa Diaz, Elisa Anais Garcia, and Rebecca M. King

Pura Belpré 25th Anniversary Planning

Task Force: Ramona Caponegro and Jenny Lizarraga, Co-Chairs, Oscar Giurcovich, Ady Huertas, Ana-Elba Pavon, Patricia Valdovinos, and Maria Estrella, CAYASC Chair

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Welcome/Bienvenidos

Oscar Baeza, President, REFORMA: The National Association to Promote Library and Information Services to Latinos and the Spanish Speaking

Kirby McCurtis, President, Association for Library Service to Children

Amanda Barnhart, President, Young Adult Library Services Association

Maria Estrella, Chair, REFORMA's Children's and Young Adult Services Committee

Ramona Caponegro and **Jenny Lizarraga**, Co-Chairs, Pura Belpré 25th Anniversary Planning Task Force

Legacy of the Award

Oralia Garza de Cortés, Pura Belpré Award Co-Founder

Toni Bissessar, Pura Belpré Award Co-Founder

Keynote Speaker **Rafael López**, Pura Belpré Award Medalist

Presentation of 2021 Awards and Honors

Introductory Remarks: **Jessica Agudelo**, Chair of the 2021 Pura Belpré Award Selection Committee

2021 Pura Belpré Award Winners and Honorees
Youth Illustrator Honoree **Elisa Chavarri**
Youth Illustrator Medal Winner **Raúl The Third**
Children's Author Honoree **Donna Barba Higuera**
Children's Author Honoree **Adrianna Cuevas**
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Young Adult Honoree **Jenny Torres Sanchez**
Young Adult Medal Winner **Yamile Saied Méndez**

Honoring 25 Years

25 Years of Pura Belpré Award Winning Books, a video montage by TeachingBooks.net

Tras la huella de Pura Belpré/The Impact of Pura Belpré, a teaser for a mini documentary about Pura Belpré's life and namesake award by Silvina Sterin Pensel

Concluding Remarks

Lucía M. González, ALSC Vice-President/President-Elect and Pura Belpré Award Honor Recipient

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