2021
PURA BELPRÉ
AWARDS
and
25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRACIÓN

JUNE 27, 2021
1:00 PM CST
AWARD WINNERS

Raúl The Third
Children's Author Medal Winner

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

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

Ernesto Cisneros
Children's Author Medal Winner

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

Donna Barba Higuera
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

Adrianna Cuevas
Children's Author Honoree

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

Yamile Saied Méndez
Young Adult Medal Winner

Never Look Back
Published by Bloomsbury YA

Lilliam Rivera
Young Adult Honoree

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

Jenny Torres Sanchez
Young Adult Honoree

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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
Children's Author Medal Winner Ernesto Cisneros
Young Adult Honoree Lilliam Rivera
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
Lucia M. González, ALSC Vice-President/President-Elect and Pura Belpré Award Honor Recipient

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 Valdavinos, and Maria Estrella, CAYASC Chair

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