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BY ADAM RUBIN, ILLUSTRATED BY DANIEL SALMIERI AND OTHERS
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**JOVITA WORE PANTS: THE STORY OF A MEXICAN FREEDOM FIGHTER**
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ILLUSTRATED BY TRACEY ENGLISH
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BY TED KOOSER AND CONNIE WANEK, ILLUSTRATED BY RICHARD JONES
CANDLEWICK, 2022
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LITTLE, BROWN, 2023
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BY ELAINE DIMOPOULOS, ILLUSTRATED BY DOUG SALATI
CHARLESBRIDGE, 2023
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BY ANDREA BEATRIZ ARANGO
RANDOM HOUSE, 2023
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Laura Rodríguez Colón moves in with her aunt and is forced to adjust to a new homelife and school, but she finds hope and companionship in the dog she adopts.

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BY BEN HATKE
FIRST SECOND, 2023
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BY SHAWN HARRIS AND MAC BARNETT
https://www.youtube.com/@TheFirstCatInSpace
These YouTube videos were made during the COVID lockdown and led to the book by the same name. A nice inspiration to make your own stories with friends over the summer.

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https://www.montereybayaquarium.org/animals/live-cams
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