

Latinx Fiction

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Title	Author	Call #
Going Home	Bunting, Eve	FIC BUN
 Although a Mexican family comes to the United States to work as farm laborers so that their children will have opportunities, the parents still consider Mexico their home.		
Zack Lopez vs. the Shadow Cats	Ireland, Justina	E FIC IRE
 Nothing is ever normal in Devils' Pass, so Zach Lopez is immediately suspicious about a free kitten adoption event, especially since these kittens seem unusually intelligent and capable of affecting the children who adopt them (not in a good way)--and Zach and the rest of Loyal Order of Helga must find a way to defeat the Shadow Cat Queen, a shapeshifter who is looking to take over all the people in Devil's Pass.		
Zach Lopez vs. the Unicorns of Doom	Ireland, Justina	E FIC IRE
 When eighth-grader Zach Lopez starts school (where his mother is the newly appointed principal) in Devil's Pass, Minnesota, he expects to be miserable; after all he is a transplant from Los Angeles and the only Puerto Rican in the school--what he does not expect is the sinkhole in the middle of the park with a connection to the "otherside" and a town regularly beset by the monsters who come through it, but he soon learns that Devil's Pass specializes in the weird and dangerous.		
Hill of Fire	Lewis, Thomas P.	E FIC LEW
 An easy-to-read account of the birth of Paricutin volcano in the field of a poor Mexican farmer.		
Me Oh Maya!	Scieszka, Jon	E FIC SCI
 Joe, Fred, and Sam find themselves whisked by The Book to the main ring-ball court in Chichin Itza, Mexico in 1000 A.D., where they must play for their lives against a Mayan High Priest who cheats.		
The Flame of Peace: A Tale of the Aztecs	Lattimore, Deborah Nourse	E LAT
To prevent the outbreak of war, a young Aztec boy must outwit nine evil lords of the night to obtain the flame of peace from Lord Morning Star.		
My Diary Came from Here to There	Perez, Amada Irma	E PER
 A young girl describes her feelings when her father decides to leave their home in Mexico to look for work in the United States.		
Amazon Diary	Talbott, Hudson	E TAL
 Twelve-year-old Alex is rescued from a plane crash by the Yanomami Indians of Venezuela and spends several weeks in the Amazon jungle with them, learning and appreciating their way of life.		
Josefina	Winter, Jeanette	E WIN
 As a small child Josefina learns to work with clay, and as an adult and a mother of nine she continues to create the beautiful objects of a Mexican folk artist.		

Iron River	Acosta, Daniel	FIC ACO
	When twelve-year-old Manny Maldonado and his friends find a hobo's body near the train tracks that run through their tight-knit San Gabriel valley community, a police officer tries to pin the murder on them.	
Estrella's Quinceanera	Alegria, Malin	FIC ALE
	Estrella's mother and aunt are planning a gaudy, traditional quinceañera for her, even though it is the last thing she wants.	
Sofi Mendoza's Guide to Getting Lost in Mexico	Alegria, Malin	FIC ALE
	When Southern California high school senior Sofi Mendoza lies to her parents and crosses the border for a weekend party, she has no idea that she will get stuck in a Mexican village with family she has never met before, unable to return to the United States and the easy life she knew.	
Before We Were Free	Alvarez, Julia	FIC ALV
	In the early 1960s in the Dominican Republic, twelve-year-old Anita learns that her family is involved in the underground movement to end the bloody rule of the dictator, General Trujillo.	
Victoria Torres: Birthday Glamour!	Bowe, Julie	FIC BOW
	Victoria Torres has always had a family birthday party that she shares with her beloved grandmother, but this year she is so impressed by her classmate's birthday party at GlamaRama, the mall's newest spa store, that she decides that she wants to celebrate her twelfth birthday there--and her mother refuses to do both.	
Victoria Torres: Curveball	Bowe, Julie	FIC BOW
	Now that it is summer Victoria Torres and her friends have all signed up to play co-ed softball in their town's league, but soon things start to go wrong--her father is the coach of her team (the Chihuahuas), her friend Jenny is on a rival team, and worst of all her nemesis, bossy Annelise, is her teammate and competitor for the position of pitcher.	
Victoria Torres: Dance Fever	Bowe, Julie	FIC BOW
	The Middleton Middle School fund-raising committee is looking for a theme for this year's event, and bossy Annelise insists on a formal dance, which her father will support with publicity and prizes, but the trouble is none of the boys want to come--so it is up to Victoria to get Annelise to agree to a compromise.	
Victoria Torres: Face the Music	Bowe, Julie	FIC BOW
	Victoria Torres is the fifth chair out of nine flutes in her middle school band, so when the director asks for a someone to play the new piccolo, Victoria sees it as her chance to stand out--but her best friend Bea has also volunteered, and their friendship may not survive the competition when they audition for the part.	
Victoria Torres: Formula for Friends	Bowe, Julie	FIC BOW
	Victoria Torres is not the best math student, so when her older sister, Sofia, captain of their middle school math team, co-opts her to fill in for a team member who quit Vicka is not sure how to feel--she would certainly like to help the team win the conference trophy, but first she must get Sophia to see that it is her aggressive bossiness that is alienating the other team members.	
Victoria Torres: Pompom Problems	Bowe, Julie	FIC BOW
	Victoria Torres is new to middle school and she decides that being a cheerleader is the key to popularity--but the competition is stiff, especially since it includes the awful, bossy Annelise and even with the support of her best friend, Bea, Victoria needs to work on both her cartwheels and her confidence.	

Victoria Torres: Vicka for President	Bowe, Julie	FIC BOW
	Middleton Middle School is holding class elections and the sixth-grade's candidates are Henry, who is running on a dare, and super bossy Annelise--so Victoria decides to add her name to the election, hoping she can actually do some good for the school.	
Ana Maria Reyes Does Not Live in a Castle	Burgos, Hilda Eunice	FIC BUR
	With a new sibling (her fourth) on the way and a big piano recital on the horizon, Dominican-American Ana María Reyes tries to win a scholarship to a New York City private school. This is an E book.	
Charlie Hernandez and the League of Shadows (#1)	Calejo, Ryan	FIC CAL
	Steeped in Hispanic folklore since childhood, middle schooler Charlie Hernández learns the stories are true when, shortly after his parents disappearance, he grows horns and feathers and finds himself at the heart of a battle to save the world	
Charlie Hernandez and the Castle of Bones (#2)	Calejo, Ryan	FIC CAL
	When Queen Joanna is kidnapped Charlie and Violet set out across South America to find her and discover a conspiracy to raise the dead	
The Tequila Worm	Canalas, Viola	FIC CAN
	Sofia finds that her experiences as a scholarship student at an Episcopal boarding school in Austin only strengthen her ties to her family in the barrio community of McAllen, Texas	
Each Tiny Spark	Cartaya, Pablo	FIC CAR
	Sixth-grader Emilia Torres struggles with ADHD, her controlling abuela, her mother's work commitments, her father's distance after returning from deployment, evolving friendships, and a conflict over school redistricting.	
The Epic Fail of Arturo Zamora	Cartaya, Pablo	FIC CAR
	Tells the story of Arturo, who is looking forward to a relaxing summer until Carmen, a cute and funny girl moves into his apartment complex and while he deals with his stomach turning into a deep fryer over a girl, a smarmy land developer rolls into town and threatens to change it.	
Marcus Vega Doesn't Speak Spanish	Cartaya, Pablo	FIC CAR
	After a fight at school leaves Marcus facing suspension, Marcus's mother takes him and his younger brother, who has Down syndrome, to Puerto Rico to visit relatives they do not remember or have never met, and while there Marcus starts searching for his father, who left their family ten years ago and is somewhere on the island	
Becoming Beatriz	Charles, Tami	FIC CHA
	In 1984 Newark, Beatriz Mendez navigates romance, gang culture, and her family's past. After her gang-leader brother is killed, Beatriz gives up her dreams of dancing in order to run the gang. But her eyes are reopened to her dream of a career in dance when the school brainiac asks her to compete in a dance competition with him--but will the gang let her go?	
The Go-Between: a novel	Chambers, Veronica	FIC CHA
	Both of sixteen-year-old Cammi's parents are stars in Mexico, but everything changes when her mother accepts a role in an American sitcom.	

Quarantine: A Love Story	Cicatelli-Cuc, Katie	FIC CIC
	Oliver wants a girlfriend, and there's a girl back home who might be interested in him. The problem is, he has to spend his spring break on a volunteer trip in the Dominican Republic. Flora, on the other hand, isn't really looking for a boyfriend. She just wants to end a miserable spring break visiting her dad and her new stepmom in the D.R. The solution to both their problems? Get back home to New York ASAP. Sadly, they won't be getting there anytime soon. Their hopes are dashed when Flora's impulsiveness lands them in quarantine--just the two of them. Now, the two teens must come together in order to survive life in a bubble for 30 days. In that time, love will bloom. But is it the real thing, or just a placebo effect?	
The House on Mango Street	Cisneros, Sandra	FIC CIS
	Told in a series of vignettes – sometimes heartbreaking, sometimes deeply joyous – it is the story of a young Latina girl growing up in Chicago, inventing for herself who and what she will become. Few other books in our time have touched so many readers.	
Secret of the Andes	Clark, Ann Nolan	FIC CLA
	An Indian boy who tends llamas in a hidden valley in Peru learns the traditions and secrets of his Inca ancestors.	
The Crossroads	Diaz, Alexandra	FIC DIA
	Jaime, twelve, and Angela, fifteen, discover what it means to be living as undocumented immigrants in the United States, while news from home gets increasingly worse.	
Gabi and the Great Big Bakeover	Dower, Laura	FIC DOW
	Gabriela Rivera is a sixth-grader with a serious peanut allergy, lots of artistic talent, one friend at her school, and a total lack of self-confidence--but when she meets Daisy, the owner and baker at Daisy's Desserts, who makes allergy free treats, she finally starts to gain some confidence in her own considerable abilities.	
The Ugly One	Ellis, Leanne Statland	FIC ELL
	At the height of the Incan empire, a girl called the Ugly One because of a disfiguring scar on her face, seeks to have the scar removed and instead finds a life path as a shaman"	
Gold Medal Winner	Freitas, Donna	FIC FRE
	Esperanza Flores's place on the United States Olympic figure skating team has come at the expense of an injured skater, so in addition to the pressure of sudden fame and outsized expectations, Espi has to deal with the resentment of her teammates--and their efforts to sabotage her routine.	
Summer of Broken Things	Haddix, Margaret Peterson	FIC HAD
	Fourteen-year-old Avery Armisted and sixteen-year-old Kayla Butts, once good friends, begrudgingly travel to Spain together for a summer vacation where they uncover a secret their families kept hidden from them their entire lives.	
The Joshua Files: Invisible City	Harris, M.G.	FIC HAR
	Thirteen-year-old Josh goes to Mexico--with a hit man on his trail--to investigate the murder of his father, who was seeking an ancient codex containing information about the Mayan prophecy that foretells the end of the world in 2012.	
Sal and Gabi Break the Universe	Hernandez, Carlos Alberto	FIC HER
	In order to heal after his mother's death, thirteen-year-old Sal learns to reach into time and space to retrieve things--and people--from other universes.	

Any Small Goodness: a novel of the barrio	Johnston, Tony	FIC JOH
 Arturo and his family and friends share all kinds of experiences living in the barrio of East Los Angeles--reclaiming their names, playing basketball, championing the school librarian, and even starting their own gang.		
Island of Thieves	Lacey, Josh	FIC LAC
 Tom goes with his Uncle Harvey to Peru, where they narrowly escape imprisonment and death as they hunt for buried treasure after tracking down a journal written by John Drake, a young relative of Sir Francis Drake, on a voyage to Lima in 1577. Includes biographical information on John and Francis Drake.		
Life, After	Littman, Sarah	FIC LIT
 When poverty forces her family to leave their home in Buenos Aires, Argentina, Dani has a hard time adjusting to life in New York City, where everything is different except her father's anger, but an unlikely bond she forms with a wealthy, spoiled girl at school helps heal both of their families.		
Heat	Lupica, Mike	FIC LUP
 Pitching prodigy Michael Arroyo is on the run from social services after being banned from playing Little League baseball because rival coaches doubt he is only twelve years old and he has no parents to offer them proof.		
Point Guard	Lupica, Mike	FIC LUP
 It's basketball season for the home team but Gus must wrestle with prejudice when he's the only one bothered by Cassie joining the boys' team and his teammate Steve makes fun of Gus's Dominican heritage		
The Revolution of Evelyn Serrano	Manzano, Sonia	FIC MAN
 It is 1969 in Spanish Harlem, and fourteen-year-old Evelyn Serrano is trying hard to break free from her conservative Puerto Rican surroundings, but when her activist grandmother comes to stay and the neighborhood protests start, things get a lot more complicated--and dangerous.		
Parrot in the Oven: mi vida	Martinez, Victor	FIC MAR
 Manny relates his coming of age experiences as a member of a poor Mexican American family in which the alcoholic father only adds to everyone's struggle.		
Merci Suarez Changes Gears	Medina, Meg	FIC MED
 Merci Suárez knew that sixth grade would be different, but she had no idea just how different. For starters, Merci has never been like the other kids at her private school in Florida, because she and her older brother, Roli, are scholarship students. They don't have a big house or a fancy boat, and they have to do extra community service to make up for their free tuition. So when bossy Edna Santos sets her sights on the new boy who happens to be Merci's school-assigned Sunshine Buddy, Merci becomes the target of Edna's jealousy. Things aren't going well at home, either: Merci's grandfather and most trusted ally, Lolo, has been acting strangely lately -- forgetting important things, falling from his bike, and getting angry over nothing. No one in her family will tell Merci what's going on, so she's left to her own worries, while also feeling all on her own at school		
There's No Base Like Home	Mendoza, Jessica	FIC MEN
 Sophia Garcia, thirteen, wants to excel at softball like her older sister, Ellie, and make her family proud, but when she is chosen for a different team and position than Ellie, she must learn to succeed by being herself		
Shadowhouse Fall	Older, Daniel Jose	FIC OLD
 In addition to the ordinary problems of a Puerto Rican teenager in Brooklyn, Sierra Santiago is working on developing her shadowshaping skills, and she is beginning to think she may need all the skill she can summon because it seems that when she channeled hundreds of spirits through herself in order to defeat Wick she woke up something very powerful and very unfriendly and put her family and friends at risk.		

Shadowshaper	Older, Daniel Jose	FIC OLD
	When the murals painted on the walls of her Brooklyn neighborhood start to change and fade in front of her, Sierra Santiago realizes that something strange is going on--then she discovers her Puerto Rican family are shadowshapers and finds herself in a battle with an evil anthropologist for the lives of her family and friends.	
Shadowshaper Legacy	Older, Daniel Jose	FIC OLD
	A war is brewing among the different Houses, some of Sierra's shadowshapers are still in jail, and the House of Shadow and Light has been getting threatening messages from whisper wraiths, and even though one spy was exposed Sierra is not quite sure who she can trust--but the deal with Death made by one of her ancestors has given her power, and she will need to control it and confront her family's past if she has any hope of saving the future	
Cuba 15: a novel	Osa, Nancy	FIC OSA
	Violet Paz, a Chicago high school student, reluctantly prepares for her upcoming "quince," a Spanish nickname for the celebration of an Hispanic girl's fifteenth birthday.	
Bouncing Back	Ostler, Scott	FIC OST
	Orphaned thirteen year-old Carlos learns what it truly means to be a teammate when he must help save his new wheelchair basketball team's gym from destruction.	
Gabby Garcia's Ultimate Playbook: MVP Summer (#2)	Palmer, Iva-Marie	FIC PAL
	Summer is here, and pitching phenom Gabby Garcia is hoping for another hot streak! When she's invited to join an elite baseball league and asked out by her crush, it seems like Gabby is bound to achieve her MVP status. But life loves throwing Gabby curveballs. This time, her BFF Diego returns from Costa Rica and their once solid friendship is suddenly biting the dust. Thank goodness Gabby has her playbook!	
My Brigadista Year	Paterson, Katherine	FIC PAT
	Thirteen-year-old Lora a young Cuban teenager ... volunteers for Fidel Castro's national literacy campaign and travels into the impoverished countryside to teach others how to read	
The First Rule of Punk	Perez, Celia	FIC PER
	Twelve-year-old María Luisa O'Neill-Morales (who really prefers to be called Malú) reluctantly moves with her Mexican-American mother to Chicago and starts seventh grade with a bang--violating the dress code with her punk rock aesthetic and spurning the middle school's most popular girl in favor of starting a band with a group of like-minded weirdos.	
The Dead and the Gone	Pfeffer, Susan Beth	FIC PFE
	After a meteor hits the moon and sets off a series of horrific climate changes, seventeen-year-old Alex Morales must take care of his sisters alone in the chaos of New York City.	
Tree of Dreams	Resau, Laura	FIC RES
	Twelve-year-old Coco Hidden has grown up in her mother's chocolate shop in Colorado, along with her friend Leo de la Cueva, but recently things have not been going well; the shop is failing, and Leo is hanging out with the other boys, and barely wants to talk to her--but when they both win a culinary contest, the two children and their mothers find themselves on a trip to the Amazon in Ecuador, where Coco hopes to find the rare ceiba tree, and where the plight of the native people and their jungle gives her a new perspective and purpose in life	

Jake Ransom and the Skull King's Shadow	Rollins, James	FIC ROL
	Connecticut middle-schooler Jake and his older sister Kady are transported by a Mayan artifact to a strange world inhabited by a mix of people from long-lost civilizations who are threatened by prehistoric creatures and an evil alchemist, the Skull King.	
Becoming Naomi Leon	Ryan, Pam Munoz	FIC RYA
	When Naomi's absent mother resurfaces to claim her, Naomi runs away to Mexico with her great-grandmother and younger brother in search of her father.	
The Dreamer	Ryan, Pam Munoz	FIC RYA
	A fictionalized biography of the Nobel Prize-winning Chilean poet Pablo Neruda, who grew up a painfully shy child, ridiculed by his overbearing father, but who became one of the most widely-read poets in the world. Includes author's note about the poet.	
Esperanza Rising	Ryan, Pam Munoz	FIC RYA
	Esperanza and her mother are forced to leave their life of wealth and privilege in Mexico to go work in the labor camps of Southern California, where they must adapt to the harsh circumstances facing Mexican farm workers on the eve of the Great Depression.	
Mananaland	Ryan, Pam Munoz	FIC RYA
	Twelve-year-old Max, who loves the legend Buelo tells him about a mythical gatekeeper who can guide brave travelers on a journey into tomorrow, sets out on a dangerous quest to discover if he is true of heart and what the future holds, armed with a treasured compass, a mysterious stone rubbing, and Buelo's legend as his only guides.	
The Whole Sky Full of Stars	Saldana, Rene	FIC SAL
	Eighteen-year-old Barry competes in a non-sanctioned boxing match in hopes of helping his recently-widowed mother, unaware that his best friend and manager, Alby, has his own desperate need for a share of the purse that may put their friendship on the line.	
So Hard To Say	Sanchez, Alex	FIC SAN
	Thirteen-year-old Xio, a Mexican American girl, and Frederick, who has just moved to California from Wisconsin, quickly become close friends, but when Xio starts thinking of Frederick as her boyfriend, he must confront his feelings of confusion and face the fear that he might be gay.	
The Afterlife	Soto, Gary	FIC SOT
	A senior at East Fresno High School lives on as a ghost after his brutal murder in the restroom of a club where he had gone to dance.	
Buried Onions	Soto, Gary	FIC SOT
	When nineteen-year-old Eddie drops out of college, he struggles to find a place for himself as a Mexican American living in a violence-infested neighborhood of Fresno, California.	
Addison Cooke and the Treasure of the Incas (#1)	Stokes, Johnathan	FIC STO
	After twelve-year-old Addison Cooke's uncle unearths ancient Incan secrets in Peru, he is kidnapped by a shadowy organization intent on stealing the treasure unless Addison and his friends can decipher the clues first.	

The Fresh New Face of Griselda	Torres, Jennifer	FIC TOR
	After her father's landscaping business fails and the family loses their house, sixth-grader Griselda Zaragoza follows her sister's example and begins selling Alma cosmetics while hiding her changed circumstances from friends.	
Stef Soto, Taco Queen	Torres, Jennifer	FIC TOR
	Mexican-American Stef Soto is hoping to break free from her overprotective parents and embarrassing reputation from her family's taco truck business, but she soon learns that family, friendship, and the taco truck are important and wonderful parts of her life	
Game Seven	Volponi, Paul	FIC VOL
	A sixteen-year-old shortstop in Cuba who dreams of playing with the pros must choose between his country and his father who defected to the U.S.	
Andreo's Race	Withers, Pam	FIC WIT
	Just as sixteen-year-old Andreo, skilled in death-defying ironman events in wilderness regions, is about to compete in rugged Bolivia, he and his friend Raul (another Bolivian adoptee) begin to suspect that their adoptive parents have unwittingly acquired them illegally. Plotting to use the upcoming race to pursue the truth, they veer on an epic journey to locate Andreo's birth parents, only to find themselves hazardously entangled with a gang of baby traffickers. Never suspecting that attempting to bring down the ring would endanger their very lives, the boys plunge ahead. Compelling, poignant, and heart-stopping, Andreo's Race takes readers on a perilous quest to discover the true meaning of family.	
Martin McQueen Middle School Queen	Zaczek, Alyssa	FIC ZAC
	Seventh-grader Martin McLean has trouble expressing himself except at Mathletes competitions and, now, as a female impersonator but his first-ever drag show falls on the same night as an important Mathletes tournament.	
How Tia Lola Came to Visit Stay	Alvarez, Julia	FIC ALV-READ 180
	Although ten-year-old Miguel is at first embarrassed by his colorful aunt, Tia Lola, when she comes to Vermont from the Dominican Republic to stay with his mother, his sister, and him after his parents' divorce, he learns to love her.	
Call Me Maria	Cofer, Judith Ortiz	FIC COF-READ 180
	Fifteen-year-old Maria leaves her mother and their Puerto Rican home to live in the barrio of New York with her father, feeling torn between the two cultures in which she has been raised.	
El Guero: a true adventure story	Trevino, Elizabeth Borton de	FIC TRE-READ 180
His father's loyalty to the Mexican president deposed by Porfirio Diaz in 1876 forces a boy known as El Guero and his family into exile.		
Lowriders in Space, book 1	Camper, Cathy	GN 741.5 CAM
	Lupe, Flapjack, and Elirio customize their car into a low rider for the Universal Car Competition to win the cash prize that will enable them to buy their own garage.	
Lowriders to the Center of the Earth	Camper, Cathy	GN 741.5 CAM
	Lupe Impala, Elirio Malaria, and El Chavo Octopus are now the proud owners of their own garage--but when a series of earthquakes hits their town and Genie, their beloved cat, disappears, they find themselves traveling to the realm of Mictlantecuhtli, Aztec god of the Underworld, who is keeping Genie prisoner.	

Crazy Loco: Stories	Rice, David	SC RIC
	A collection of nine stories about Mexican American kids growing up in the Rio Grande Valley of southern Texas.	
Finding Our Way: Stories	Saldana, Rene	SC SAL
	A collection of eleven short fiction stories about teens who are trying to find their own paths to adulthood	
The Jumping Tree	Saldana, Rene	SC SAL
	Rey, a Mexican American living with his close-knit family in a Texas town near the Mexican border, describes his transition from boy to young man.	
Baseball in April and Other Stories	Soto, Gary	SC SOT
	A collection of eleven short stories focusing on the everyday adventures of Hispanic young people growing up in Fresno, California.	
Help Wanted: Stories	Soto, Gary	SC SOT
	Presents ten short stories for teens that portray the struggles and hopes of young Mexican Americans.	
Local News	Soto, Gary	SC SOT
	A collection of thirteen short stories about the everyday lives of Mexican American young people in California's Central Valley.	
Petty Crimes	Soto, Gary	SC SOT
	A collection of short stories about Mexican American youth growing up in California's Central Valley.	
Where Angels Glide at Dawn: new stories from Latin America	Carlson, Lori and Ventura, Cynthia	SC WHE
	A collection of short stories by a variety of Latin American authors.	