



Consortium of Latin American Studies Programs

2010
Américas Award
for Children's and Young Adult Literature

Rationale

To encourage and commend authors, illustrators and publishers who produce quality children's and young adult books that portray Latin America, the Caribbean, or Latinos in the United States, and to provide teachers with recommendations for classroom use, the national Consortium of Latin American Studies Programs (CLASP) offers up to two annual book awards, together with a commended list of titles.

Criteria

Up to two awards (for primary and secondary reading levels) are given in recognition of U.S. published works of fiction, poetry, folklore, or selected non-fiction (from picture books to works for young adults) that authentically and engagingly portray Latin America, the Caribbean, or Latinos in the United States. By linking the Americas, the intent is to reach beyond geographic borders, as well as multicultural-international boundaries, focusing instead upon cultural heritages within the hemisphere.

Books will be judged for: 1) distinctive literary quality; 2) cultural contextualization; 3) exceptional integration of text, illustration and design; and 4) potential for classroom use.

Process

To nominate a 2009 copyright title, publishers are invited to submit review copies to the committee members listed on the reverse of this sheet by **January 15, 2010**. There is no entry fee. The award/commended list will be announced in the spring of 2010, recognizing works published in 2009; tentatively the formal award presentation will be held during Hispanic Heritage Month 2010 at the Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Recent Winners

Just in Case: A Trickster Tale and Spanish Alphabet Book by Yuyi Morales (Roaring Brook Press, 2008)

The Surrender Tree: Poems of Cuba's Struggle for Freedom by Margarita Engle (Holt, 2008)

Red Glass by Laura Resau (Delacorte, 2007)

Yum! ; Mmmm! ¡Qué Rico! Americas Sproutings by Pat Mora; illustrated by Rafael López (Lee & Low, 2007)

Josias, Hold the Book by Jennifer Elvgren; illustrated by Nicole Tadgell (Boyd's Mill, 2006)

The Poet Slave of Cuba by Margarita Engle; illustrated by Sean Qualls (Holt, 2006)

Cinnamon Girl: letters found inside a cereal box by Juan Felipe Herrera (HarperCollins, Joanna Cotler Books, 2005)

My Name is Celia/Me llamo Celia by Monica Brown; illustrated by Rafael López (Luna Rising, 2004)

Sammy & Juliana in Hollywood by Benjamin Alire Sáenz (Cinco Puntos, 2004)

Just a Minute by Yuyi Morales (Chronicle, 2003)

The Meaning of Consuelo by Judith Ortiz Cofer (Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2003)

Before We Were Free by Julia Alvarez (Knopf, 2002)

<http://www4.uwm.edu/clacs/aa/index.cfm>

See reverse for submission directions.

Publishers: Please send an email to Julie Kline (jkline@uwm.edu) to request committee members' contact information. Please then send **six copies of the nominated book** (one each) to Américas Review Committee Members and the Award Coordinator. Thank you.

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Review Committee Members

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2008-10

Jamie C. Naidoo (chairperson)

(University of Alabama, AL)

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Ruth E. Quiroa

(National-Louis University, IL)

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