

Association of American Publishers ♦ Publishing Latino Voices for America Task Force

## Latino Recommended Reading List



## Celebrate Latino Books Month With a Book!

AAP's Publishing Latino Voices for America Task Force has created this Latino Recommended Reading List in celebration of Latino Books Month. The list represents just a sampling of the wide variety of books that are available. For more information on Publishing Latino Voices for America, please visit the AAP website at [www.publishers.org](http://www.publishers.org). Also, keep an eye out for additional resources in recognition of Hispanic Heritage Month in September 2008!

### ADULT FICTION

#### **The Gifted Gabaldon Sisters**

Author: Lorraine Lopez

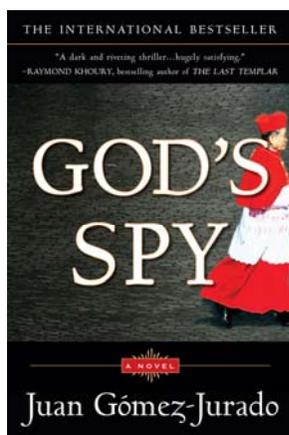
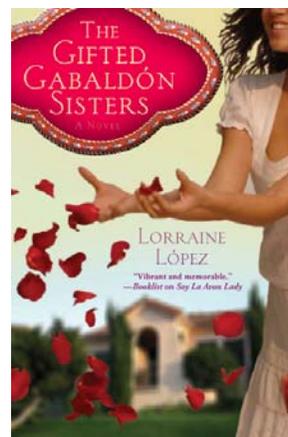
ISBN: 0446699217

ISBN 13: 9780446699211

Publisher: Grand Central Publishing

Available Languages: English

In the tradition of Julia Alvarez's *How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents*, award-winning author Lorraine López offers a compelling novel about four sisters searching for the truth behind a long-buried family secret.



#### **God's Spy**

Author: Juan Gómez-Jurado

ISBN: 9780452289123

Publisher: Plume

Available Languages: English

A ruthless serial killer, a chilling conspiracy, and a deadly race around the Vatican converge in this internationally bestselling thriller. In the days following the death of Pope John Paul II, the horribly disfigured body of a cardinal is discovered in a chapel in Rome. With a serial killer now on the loose in the Vatican, Police Inspector Paola Dicanti is assigned to the grisly case. Desperate to find the killer before another victim dies, she enlists the help of Father Anthony Fowler, a charismatic American priest who knows more about the killer than Paola could have imagined. As Paola and Father Anthony struggle through the web of tantalizing clues, the evidence leads them to powerful figures within the Church hierarchy. But their pursuit of the truth may make them the next pawns to be sacrificed in this terrifying and deadly game.

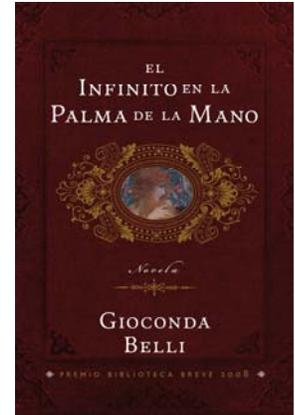
## **El infinito en la palma de la mano**

Author: Gioconda Belli

ISBN: 978-0-06-168908-6

Publisher: Rayo/HarperCollins Publishers

Available Languages: Spanish (English version due out in Winter '09 by Harper)



Prepare to enter a fascinating, primitive universe that takes readers back to the very beginning, to the story which our Judeo-Christian civilization is based on. Poetry and mystery go hand in hand in this transcendent novel about Man, as never before imagined. Join Adam and Eve as they discover the world for themselves, feel their confusion and panic when faced with punishment, and observe in awe as they experience the power to give life, as well as the cruelty behind having to kill to survive. This Premio Biblioteca 2008 winner is a parable for our own time, and our own uncertain future. Gioconda Belli has written a novel as beguiling as it is soulfully rewarding.



## **Las caras de la suerte / A Handbook to Luck**

Author: Cristina García

ISBN: 9780307276810 (Spanish)

ISBN: 9780307276803 (English)

Publisher: Vintage Español / Vintage

Available Languages: Spanish, English

In the late 60s, three teenagers from around the globe are making their way in the world: Enrique Florit, from Cuba, living in southern California with his flamboyant magician father; Marta Claros, getting by in the slums of San Salvador; Leila Rezvani, a well-to-do surgeon's daughter in Tehran. We follow them through the years, surviving war, disillusionment, and love, as their lives and paths intersect. With its cast of vividly drawn characters, its graceful movement through time, and the psychological shifts between childhood and adulthood, *A Handbook to Luck* is a beautiful, elegiac, and deeply emotional novel by beloved storyteller Cristina García.

## **Tarnished Beauty**

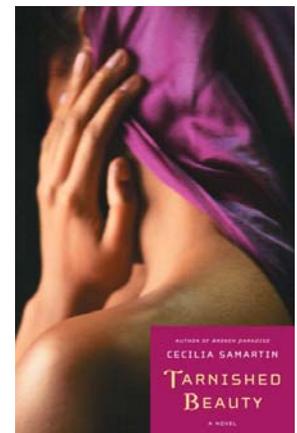
Author: Cecilia Samartin

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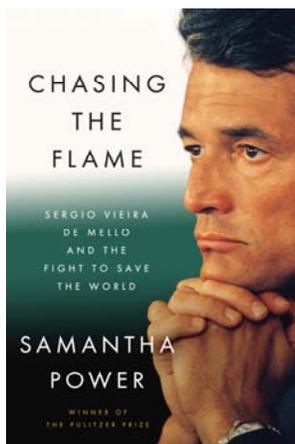
Publisher: Atria Books

Available Languages: English

The second novel from the critically-acclaimed author of *Broken Paradise*, *Tarnished Beauty* is a moving story of friendship between a young woman and Señor Peregrino, an elderly man from Spain. Both of their lives change when he shares the story of his pilgrimage as a young man along the Road to Santiago.



## ADULT NONFICTION



### **Chasing The Flame: Sergio Vieira de Mello and the Fight to Save the World**

Author: Samantha Power

ISBN: 9781594201288

Publisher: The Penguin Press

Available Languages: English

If there is a single individual who can be said to have been at center stage through all of the most significant humanitarian and geopolitical crises of the late twentieth and early twenty-first century, it was Sergio Vieira de Mello. Vieira de Mello was born in Rio de Janeiro, in 1948 just as the post-World War II order was taking shape. He died in a terrorist attack on UN Headquarters in Iraq in 2003 as the battle lines in the twenty-first-century's first great power struggle were being drawn. In nearly four decades of work for the United Nations, Sergio distinguished himself as the consummate humanitarian, able to negotiate with-and often charm-cold war military dictators, Marxist jungle radicals, reckless warlords, and nationalist and sectarian militia leaders. By taking the measure of this remarkable man's life and career, Power offers a fascinating answer to the question: Who possesses the moral authority, the political sense, and the military and economic heft to protect human life and bring peace to the unruly new world order?

Chasing the Flame brings us deep into the thorniest, least well-understood episodes of recent world history-the conflagration in the Middle East, through Vieira de Mello's troubleshooting in Lebanon in the aftermath of Israel's 1982 invasion; the clean-up of the cold war's residue, through Vieira de Mello's taming of the Khmer Rouge and his repatriation of four-hundred-thousand Cambodian refugees in the early nineties; the explosion of sectarian and ethnic militancy, through his efforts to negotiate an end to the slaughter in Bosnia; the struggle to nation-build in war-torn societies, through his quasi-colonial governorships of Kosovo and East Timor; and the engulfing of Iraq in civil war and terror, through his tragic final posting as the UN representative in Baghdad, where he became the victim of the country's first-ever suicide bomb.

Readers of Chasing the Flame will recognize the particular mixture of deep reporting and incisive analysis that Power uses to imbue Sergio's life with significance, and lessons, for our own. In this exquisitely reasoned and imagined book, Samantha Power reveals Sergio Vieira de Mello's powerful legacy of humanity and ideological strength in an age sorely in need of both.

### **Daughters of Juarez**

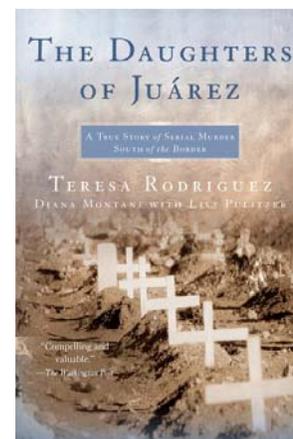
Author: Teresa Rodriguez

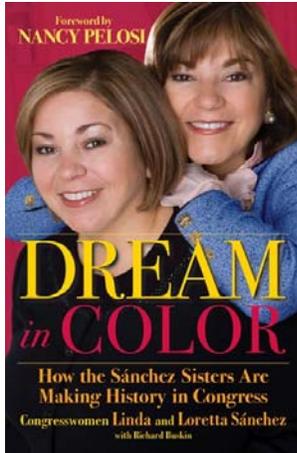
ISBN: 0-7432-9204-9

Publisher: Atria Books

Available Languages: Spanish, English

Now in paperback, a veteran, award-winning journalist from Univision (the largest Spanish language network in the US) and a former *New York Times* correspondent and true crime writer team up to create the first, major nonfiction work based on the ongoing, international phenomenon of over 300 confirmed female homicides with 600 women still missing, in the border town of Juarez, Mexico.





### **Dream In Color**

Authors: Congresswomen Linda and Loretta Sanchez with Richard Buskin, Foreword by Nancy Pelosi

ISBN : 0446508047

ISBN 13: 9780446508049

Publisher: Grand Central Publishing

Available Languages: English

Part memoir, part motivational guide for young women everywhere, Congresswomen Linda and Loretta Sánchez--the first sisters to ever serve in Congress--share the secrets to their success.

### **Especialidades regionales de la cocina mexicana**

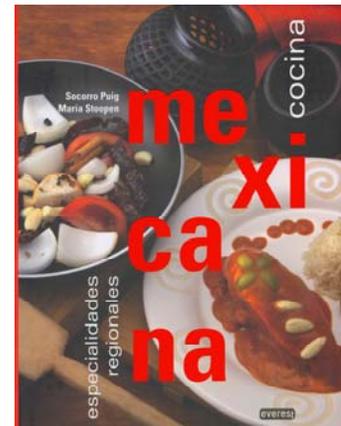
Authors: Socorro Puig, María Stoopem

ISBN: 978-84-241-8458-2

Publisher: Editorial Everest

Available Languages: Spanish

Culinary traditions are a direct reflection of a country's culture and customs. Mexican gastronomy is rich in history and varies from region to region and town to town. This cookbook highlights the immeasurable variety of food, and is an expression of culture and tradition. Included are staple recipes such as *pozoles* from Colmina *tamales* from Zacatecas, and *guacamole*.



### **La inmigración y usted**

Author: Mario M. Lovo

ISBN: 9780307274861

Publisher: Vintage Español

Available Languages: Spanish

This essential guide to immigration for Hispanics helps crack the ever-confusing intricacies surrounding our immigration laws. It focuses on immigration visas most applicable to Hispanics, including family petitions, labor petitions, asylum, naturalization, and other miscellaneous relief. Written in an authoritative yet accessible style, Mario Lovo offers the reader a clear and concise explanation of each visa with various examples that bring the different scenarios to life. This book is geared for all Spanish speakers in the

US, from the US citizen sponsoring a relative to the illegal immigrant attempting to legalize his or her status, and all the situations in between. Within this ample spectrum of individuals who would be able to use this book, they will find a place for quick reference, full of personal anecdotes and examples that no doubt will ease their fears of taming the immigration beast.

## Latino Literature: Voices in a Tradition

Author: Various

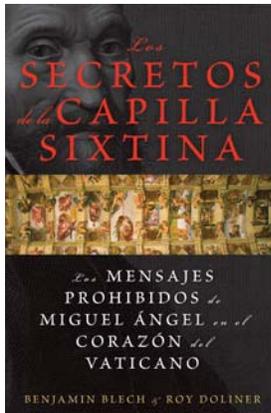
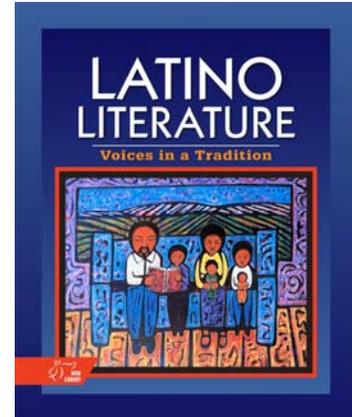
ISBN: 0-03-078964-8 (student book)

ISBN: 00-03-078966-4 (study guide)

Publisher: Holt, Rinehart and Winston

Available Languages: English

Survey of Latin American and Latino literature organized in three sections: pre-Colombian era through the colonial period; modernism and the Boom, Latino writing in the United States.



## Los secretos de la Capilla Sixtina

Authors: Benjamin Blech, Roy Doliner

ISBN: 978-0-06-157977-6

Publisher: Rayo/HarperCollins Publishers

Available Languages: Spanish, English

Five hundred years ago Michelangelo began work on one of the most famous paintings and tourist sites in the world—the Sistine Chapel ceiling. Yet the authors discover and show us that the Sistine Chapel ceiling is full of hidden, never-before-revealed messages rooted in an underground movement of freethinking protest that Michelangelo created right under the nose of the Pope. Only in the last few years have many pieces of the puzzle come to light as a result of some very fortunate discoveries including several new works either found or finally definitively attributed to him, the cleaning and restoration of many other pieces, especially the massive restoration of the Sistine Chapel, and the uncovering of an underground movement of interfaith freethinkers and Kabbalists during the Renaissance that had its central “hideout” in Florence. May 10, 2008 is the exact 500th anniversary of the day Michelangelo started work on the Sistine Chapel ceiling.

## CHILDREN'S

### **Arco iris de poesía**

Author: Various

Compiled by: Sergio Andricain

Illustrator: Iga Cuellar

ISBN: 9781930332591

Publisher: Lectorum Publications

Available Languages: Spanish

Age Range: All ages



This wonderful collection of poetry from the Americas and Spain will spark young readers' interest in major authors, while entertaining them with its delightful illustrations. Featured poets include Federico García Lorca (Spain), José Martí (Cuba), Shel Silverstein (U.S.), Gabriela Mistral (Chile), Rubén Darío (Nicaragua), Amado Nervo (Mexico), and Ester Feliciano Mendoza (Puerto Rico).



### **Celebremos el Cinco de Mayo con fiestas, música y baile**

Author: Carolyn Otto

ISBN: 978-1-4263-0363-0

Publisher: National Geographic (Distributed by Random House Spanish)

Available Languages: Spanish, English

Age Range: 4 and up

*Celebrate el Cinco de Mayo* continues National Geographic's spectacular *Holidays Around the World* series with this joyous feast of Mexican culture—an annual event in Mexico and an increasingly popular holiday in America as well. Many mistakenly assume that the fifth of

May is Mexico's Independence Day. In fact, the date marks the anniversary of a famous 1862 battle in which the Mexicans defeated the French. Known as the Battle of Puebla, the victory marked a watershed in Mexican pride and unity that echoes down to the present day.

With succinct text and dazzling photography, *Celebrate Cinco de Mayo* takes readers on a journey to discover the rich variety of celebrations across our country—from Texas to Minnesota to New York. This inviting book gives readers a flavor of the wide range of colorful holiday traditions: parades and pageants; races and rodeos; mariachi music and dancing; parties with piñatas and delicious Mexican foods. Children will learn how the largest Cinco de Mayo event in the world, the Fiesta Broadway, actually takes place in the United States, and attracts more than 600,000 revelers each year.

Mexico is our closest neighbor and the birthplace of America's largest immigrant community; a knowledge of Mexican culture and history is increasingly relevant to students across the United States.

## Dark Dude

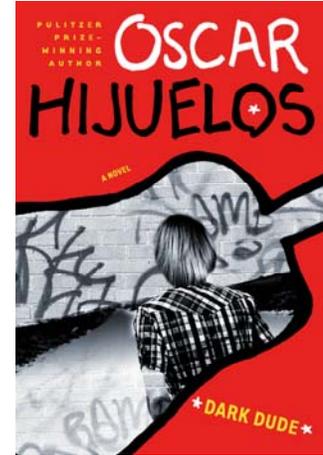
Author: Oscar Hijuelos

ISBN: 1-4169-4804-X

Publisher: Atheneum Books for Young Readers/Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing

Available Languages: English

Age Range: 12 and up



You hear the name Rico Fuentes and you think Latino. You hear that he's from Harlem and you think druggie. You see him in person and you think "that white kid can't be Rico."

From the Pulitzer Prize-winning author Oscar Hijuelos comes a novel about identity, circumstance, and way in which we all struggle to accept our true selves. In gritty, clear prose, *Just Around the Corner, a Thousand Miles Away* captures New York City in the 1960s—violent, decaying, slouching away from the American Dream—and brings to life a character who has no choice but to head out west in search of something better. But, when Rico and his ex-druggie friend arrive at the house of another Harlem exile, Rico discovers that people in Wisconsin, all wrapped up in picket fence and apple pie, can be just as violent and judgmental as the neighbors he left behind. No longer an outsider by looks, Rico is forced to swallow an uncomfortable truth: he is still an outsider.

Beautifully written and painfully real, this novel is full of the details and icons of teenage life in the 1960s: the lure of hippie culture, the comfort of comic books, the fight to fit in—and the desperate need to break away. Hijuelos's YA debut is a powerful coming of age story that will make a significant contribution to the young adult market and Latino literature.



## El bastón mágico

Author: María Celeste Arrarás

ISBN: 0-545-00532-9

Publisher: Scholastic

Available Languages: Spanish, English

Age Range: 4-8 years

When an old woman approaches Karmelo and Moconoco, Moconoco steals her golden walking cane. He wickedly breaks the cane into three pieces as Karmelo helps her up. The old woman curses Moconoco with three of everything-- three eyes, three ears, three noses. She rewards Karmelo for his kindness with the broken cane, promising happiness when the three pieces are united. Moconoco grows up to be an evil emperor and Karmelo grows up to be a poor slave. He gives the pieces to his three children and with the help of the cane, they must save their land from the cruel emperor!

## ¡Leer para creer! (Read All About It!)

Authors: Laura and Jenna Bush

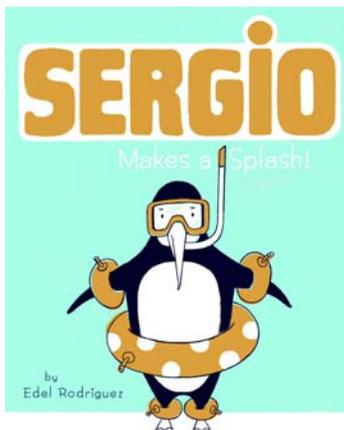
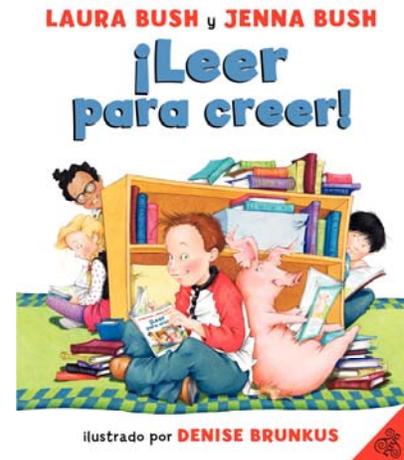
ISBN: 9780061562532

Publisher: Rayo, HarperCollins Children's Books

Available Languages: Spanish, English

Age Range: 4-8 years

Tito López rules Buen día elementary. There's only one thing about school he doesn't like: story time. How is he supposed to sit still and listen when there are so many other things he could be doing? If only the teacher would get it—books are boring! Then one day, something really strange happens during story time—more than just words come out of the book, and soon, Tito and his friends are off to solve a mysterious disappearance!



## Sergio Makes a Splash!

Author: Edel Rodriguez

ISBN: 978-0-316-06616-7

Publisher: Little, Brown Books for Young Readers

Available Languages: English

Age Range: 3-6 years

Sergio loves water. But not the very deep kind. Now his class is taking a swimming trip. Will Sergio learn to love deep water, too? At least he's got his floaties!

## Skippyjon Jones in the DogHouse: Full-color Storybook and Audio CD

Author: Judy Schachner

ISBN: 9780142410417

Publisher: Puffin

Available Languages: Spanish/English (bilingual text)

Age Range: 0 - 3 years



*Skippyjon Jones in the Doghouse* is sure to please children and parents alike. The Siamese kitty boy with the gigantic imagination has returned for another loco adventure. In his room for a time-out, Skippyjon Jones lets his imagination take him to a shack where his Chihuahua friends are yipping and yapping and hiding out from the Bad Bobble-ito, who has taken over their doghouse. How El Skippito chills the Chihuahuas and banishes the Bobble-ito will make more *amigos* for this endearing and irresistible rascal who made his first appearance in *Skippyjon Jones*.