

Picture Books Around the World - LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

Argentina

[Gauchada](#)

by Lamm, C. Drew

JEASY

A necklace is lovingly passed from one person to another, travelling much farther than the Argentine gaucho who made it will ever go.

Belize

[Hue Boy](#)

by Mitchell, Rita Phillips.

JEASY

Everyone in little Hue Boy's island village has suggestions on how to help him grow, but he learns to stand tall in a way all his own.

Brazil

[Nina Bonita](#)

by Machado, Ana Maria

JEASY

Translation of: Niña Bonita, which was originally published in Portuguese under the title Menina Bonita.

Caribbean

[An African princess](#)

by Edmonds, Lyra

JEASY

Lyra and her parents go to the Caribbean to visit Taunte May, who reminds her that her family tree is full of princesses from Africa and around the world.

[Fish for the Grand Lady](#)

by Bootman, Colin

JEASY

In Trinidad, two brothers try fishing in a new place, hoping to bring home a big catch for their grandmother.

[Island counting 1 2 3](#)

by Lessac, Frané

JEASY

Counts from one to ten, featuring pictures and brief rhyming text with a Caribbean island theme.

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[The Babysitter sings](#)

by Gershator, Phillis

JEASY

A babysitter sings a rhyming song to reassure the child.

[The sea, the storm, and the mangrove tangle](#)

by Cherry, Lynne

JEASY

A seed from a mangrove tree floats on the sea until it comes to rest on the shore of a faraway lagoon where, over time, it becomes a mangrove island that shelters many birds and animals, even during a hurricane.

Chile

[Mia's story : a sketchbook of hopes and dreams](#)

by Foreman, Michael

JEASY

While looking for her beloved puppy, POCO, one winter day, young Mia discovers how beautiful the world can be, as well as a way to make her own village of Campamento San Francisco more lovely and her family's life easier.

Colombia

[Biblioburro](#)

by Winter, Jeanette

JEASY WIN

Luis has so many books in his little house in Colombia that he buys two donkeys and travels throughout the land bringing the joy of reading to children.

[El festival de cometas](#)

by Torres, Leyla

JEASY SP

Translation of: Kite festival.

Cuba

[The road to Santiago](#)

by Figueredo, D. H

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In Cuba, in the early 1950s, a young boy and his family try their best not to let the rebel soldiers keep them from traveling to Santiago to celebrate Christmas with their relatives. Based on a true incident in the life of the author.

Dominican Republic

[Un regalo de gracias : la leyenda de la altagracia](#)

by Alvarez, Julia

JEASY SP

Maria's family is almost forced to leave their farm on the new island colony, until a mysterious lady appears in Maria's dream.

El Salvador

[I am Rene, the boy](#)

by Colato Laínez, René; and Graullera Ramírez, Fabiola

JEASY SP

When René; learns that in the United States his name is also a girl's name, he does some research and relates the name's meaning and letters to his homeland of El Salvador and the things that make him special.

[Xochitl and the flowers](#)

by Argueta, Jorge

JEASY SP

In Spanish and English. Xochitl and her family, newly arrived in San Francisco from El Salvador, create a beautiful plant nursery in place of the garbage heap behind their apartment, and celebrate with their friends and neighbors.

Guatemala

[My pig Amarillo](#)

by Ichikawa, Satomi

JEASY

Pablito, a Guatemalan boy whose pet pig Amarillo has disappeared, uses a kite to send him a message that he still loves him.

Haiti

[Sévi, that is life : a Haitian story of hope](#)

by Youme

JEASY

A homeless boy on the streets of Haiti joins other street children, and together they build a home and a radio station where they can care for themselves and for other homeless children.

Mexico

[Dream carver](#)

by Cohn, Diana

JEASY

In this story, inspired by the real life of Oaxacan woodcarver Manuel Jiménez, a young boy dreams of colorful, exotic animals that he will one day carve in wood.

[Elena's serenade](#)

by Geeslin, Campbell

JEASY

In Mexico, a little girl disguised as a boy, sets out for Monterrey determined to master the art of glassblowing, and in the process, experiences self-discovery along the way.

[Ghost wings](#)

by Joosse, Barbara M.

JEASY

While celebrating the Days of the Dead, a young Mexican girl remembers her wonderful grandmother who sang songs, made tortillas, chased monsters away, and loved butterflies.

[Isabel's house of butterflies](#)

by Johnston, Tony

JEASY

Eight-year-old Isabel hopes that her plan will spare her favorite tree, keep the butterflies coming, and provide an income for her poor family in Mexico.

[My diary from here to there](#)

by Pérez, Amada Irma

JEASY SP

A young girl describes her feelings when her father decides to leave their home in Mexico to look for work in the United States.

[Napí](#)

by Ramírez, Antonio

JEASY SP

Her grandfather's colorful stories give Napí, a Mazatec Indian girl, a head full of images that carry over into her nightly dreams, in a Mexican tale about the joy of imagination.

[Two white rabbits](#)

by Buitrago, Jairo

JEASY BUI

A young child describes what it is like to be a migrant as she and her father travel north toward the U.S. border. They travel mostly on the roof of a train known as The Beast, but the little girl doesn't know where they are going. She counts the animals by the road, the clouds in the sky, the stars. Sometimes she sees soldiers. She sleeps, dreaming that she is always on the move, although sometimes they are forced to stop and her father has to earn more money before they can continue their journey.

Peru

[Carolina's gift : a story of Peru](#)

by Díaz, Katacha

JEASY

Carolina and her mother go to the plaza to pick out a birthday gift for Carolina's abuelita (grandmother).

Venezuela

[Buzz buzz buzz](#)

by Uribe, Verónica

JEASY

Translation of: El mosquito zumbador.

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by Uribe, Verónica

JEASY

[The black book of colors](#)

by Cottin, Menena

Translation of El libro negro de los colores. This title invites readers to imagine living without sight through remarkable illustrations done with raised lines and descriptions of colors based on imagery. Braille letters accompany the illustrations and a full Braille alphabet offers sighted readers help reading along with their fingers.

Latin America--Mixed or Unspecified Settings

[Cousins](#)

by Amado, Elisa

JEASY

A girl goes back and forth between her grandmothers' houses in this picture book. One grandmother is North American and the other is from Latin America.

[Rooster = Gallo](#)

by Luján, Jorge

JEASY SP