

Hispanic Heritage Month Bibliography
Fiction

E A

Altman, Linda Jacobs. *Amelia's road*. New York: Lee & Low Books, [1993].

Note: Tired of moving around so much, Amelia, the daughter of migrant farm workers, dreams of a stable home.

E B

Brown, Margaret Wise. *El gran granero rojo*. [New York]: HarperCollins, [1996].

Note: Rhymed text and illustrations introduce the many different animals that live in the big red barn.

E BIR

Mora, Pat. *A birthday basket for Tia* /VHS. Macmillan/SVE & Churchill Media, [nd].

Note: With the help and interference of her cat Chica, Cecilia prepares a surprise gift for her great-aunt's ninetieth birthday.

E E

Ets, Marie Hall. *Nine days to Christmas*. Viking Pr, [1959].

Note: Ceci anxiously awaits her first posada, the special Mexican Christmas party, and the opportunity to select a pi|ata for it.

E E

Elya, Susan Middleton. *Home at last*. New York: Lee & Low Books, [2002].

Note: When she and her family move from Mexico to the United States, eight-year-old Ana helps her mother adjust to the new situation by encouraging her to learn English.

E K

Komaiko, Leah. Aunt Elaine does the dance from Spain. New York, NY: Dell, [1992].

Note: Katy attends a dance show with her Aunt Elaine, who becomes a different person when she dons her Spanish costume and takes the stage.

E L

Luenn, Nancy. A gift for Abuelita : celebrating the Day of the Dead = Un regalo para Abuelita : en celebraci3n del D'Ya de los Muertos. Flagstaff, AZ: Rising Moon, [1998].

Note: After her beloved grandmother dies, Rosita hopes to be reunited with Abuelita as she prepares a gift to give her when her family celebrates the Day of the Dead.

E S

Soto, Gary. Too many tamales. New York: Putnam, [1992].

Note: Maria tries on her mother's wedding ring while helping make tamales for a Christmas family get together, but panic ensues when hours later, she realizes the ring is missing.

E U

Ungerer, Tomi. Adelaide. Alfaguara, [1983].

F COR

Corbett, Sue. Free baseball. New York: Dutton Children's Books, [2006].

Note: Angry with his mother for having too little time for him, eleven-year-old Felix takes advantage of an opportunity to become bat boy for a minor league baseball team, hoping to someday be like his father, a famous Cuban outfielder. Includes glossaries of baseball terms and Spanish words and phrases.

F GAR

Garland, Sherry. Valley of the Moon : the diary of Maria Rosalia de Milagros.

New York: Scholastic, [2001].

Note: The 1845-1846 diary of thirteen-year-old Maria, servant to the wealthy

Spanish family which took her in when her Indian mother died. Includes a

historical note about the settlement and early history of California.

F LEV

Levy, Janice. The spirit of Tio Fernando : a Day of the Dead story. Morton

Grove, Ill: A. Whitman, [1995].

Note: As he prepares to celebrate the Day of the Dead, a young boy remembers all

the things he liked about his favorite uncle.

F MON

Montes, Marisa. A crazy mixed-up Spanglish day. New York: Scholastic, [2003].

Note: In Northern California, Maritza Gabriela Morales Mercado struggles to deal

with the third grade bully, to control her temper, and to remember to speak

Spanish at home and English at school.

F RYA

Ryan, Pam Munoz. Becoming Naomi Leon. New York: Scholastic Press, [2004].

Note: 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.

F RYA

Ryan, Pam Munoz. Esperanza rising. New York: Scholastic Press, [2000].

Note: 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.

F SOT

Soto, Gary. Taking sides. San Diego: Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, [1991].

Note: Lincoln Mendoza, an aspiring basketball player, must come to terms with his divided loyalties when he moves from the Hispanic inner city to a white suburban neighborhood.

F TRI

Tripp, Valerie. Josefina learns a lesson : a school story. Middleton, WI: Pleasant Co, [1997].

Note: Josefina and her sisters distrust learning to read and write, as well as other changes their T|a Dolores is bringing to the household, because they fear they will lose their memories of their mother.

F TRI

Tripp, Valerie. Josefina's surprise : a Christmas story. Middleton, WI: Pleasant Co, [1997].

Note: The second Christmas after their mother has died, Josefina and her three sisters find that participating in the traditions of Las Posadas helps keep memories of Mam` alive.

F TRI

Tripp, Valerie. Meet Josefina, an American girl. Middleton, WI: Pleasant Co, [1997].

Note: Nine-year-old Josefina, the youngest of four sisters living in New Mexico

in 1824, tries to help run the household after her mother dies.

F TRI

Tripp, Valerie. Happy birthday, Josefina! : a springtime story. Middleton, WI: Pleasant Co, [1998].

Note: Josefina hopes to become a "curandera" or healer like Tia Magdalena, and she is tested just before her tenth birthday when a friend receives a potentially fatal snakebite.

F TRI

Tripp, Valerie. Josefina saves the day : a summer story. Middleton, WI: Pleasant Co, [1998].

Note: In 1825 when Josefina trusts a trader in Santa Fe with an important deal, she makes a surprising discovery about this young American who leaves town without paying her.

F WIN

Winkler, Henry. Holy enchilada! New York: Grosset & Dunlap, [2004].

Note: Efforts to impress a visiting student from Japan cause Hank to hide his dyslexia while the gang makes enchiladas for a Multi-Cultural Day lunch, and Hank is afraid he was very wrong about the amount of chili powder called for in the recipe.