Author Award
The Poet X
by Elizabeth Acevedo
WSC Exam YA Fiction
YA Fic Ac372p

The Poet X is a tale about Xiomara, an “unhide-able” Dominican who “…was a little too much body for such a young girl,” according to Mami. As she deals with her extremely religious mother and other challenges, Xiomara writes poetry, which becomes “the most freeing experience of [her] life.”

“Acevedo’s strong character and her captivating story, told through intense and lyrical verses, champion poetry as a way to understand the world and one’s self,” said Dr. Caponegro.

Illustrator Award
Dreamers
by Yuyi Morales
WSC Exam Easy  E M793d

Dreamers is a tale about an immigrant mother and her son who were “[u]nable to understand and afraid to speak...” until they found the library. The books in the library taught them many things and gave them the confidence they needed to succeed and dream in their new country.

“Morales’s stunning mixed media illustrations celebrate the power of children’s books and libraries and the ability of immigrants to create new lives and stories,” said Pura Belpré Award Committee Chair Dr. Ramona Caponegro.

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2012  DIEGO RIVERA:
      HIS WORLD AND OURS
      Duncan Tonatiuh
      WSC Easy  E RS241d

2011  GRANDMA’S GIFT
      Eric Velasquez
      WSC Children’s Foreign Language
      E Sp V541g

2010  BOOK FIESTA!
      Pat Mora & Rafael López
      WSC Children’s Foreign Language  E Sp M79b

2009  JUST IN CASE
      Yuyi Morales
      WSC Children’s Foreign Language  E Sp M793j

2008  LOS GATOS BLACK ON HALLOWEEN
      Marisa Montes & Yuyi Morales
      WSC Children’s Foreign Language  E Sp M7672g

2006  DOÑA FLOR: A TALL TALE
      ABOUT A GIANT WOMAN
      WITH A GREAT BIG HEART
      Pat Mora & Raul Colón
      WSC Easy  E M79d

2004  JUST A MINUTE:
      A TRICKSTER TALE AND
      COUNTING BOOK
      Yuyi Morales
      WSC Juvenile  j 398.2 M793

2002  CHATO AND THE PARTY ANIMALS
      Gary Soto & Susan Guevara
      WSC Easy  E So78ch

2000  MAGIC WINDOWS
      Carmen Lomas Garza
      WSC Children’s Foreign Language  E Sp G199m

1998  SNAPSHOT FROM THE WEDDING
      Gary Soto & Stephanie Garcia
      WSC Easy  E So78s

1996  CHATO’S KIRCHEN
      Gary Soto & Susan Guevara
      WSC Easy  E So78a
The Pura Belpré Award is named after the first Latina librarian at the New York Public Library. The Pura Belpré Award, established in 1996, is presented to a Latino/Latina writer and illustrator whose work best portrays, affirms, and celebrates the Latino cultural experience in an outstanding work of literature for children and youth.

**AUTHOR AWARD**

2019  **THE POET X**  
Elizabeth Acevedo  
WSC Exam YA Fiction  
YA Fic Ac372p

2018  **LUCKY BROKEN GIRL**  
Ruth Behar  
WSC Exam Juvenile Fiction  
j B3946L

2017  **JUANA & LUCAS**  
Juana Medina  
WSC Juvenile  
j M4684j

2016  **ENCHANTED AIR: TWO CULTURES, TWO WINGS: A MEMOIR**  
Margarita Engle  
WSC Young Adult  
YA 813.54 En35A

2015  **I LIVED ON BUTTERFULY HILL**  
Marjorie Agosín  
WSC Juvenile  
j Ag75i

2014  **YAQUI DELGADO WANTS TO KICK YOUR ASS**  
Meg Medina  
WSC Young Adult  
YA Fic M468y

2013  **ARISTOTLE AND DANTE DISCOVER THE SECRETS OF THE UNIVERSE**  
Benjamin Alire Sáenz  
WSC Young Adult  
YA Fic Sa16a

2010  **RETURN TO SENDER**  
Juila Alvarez  
WSC Juvenile  
j AL86r

2009  **THE SURRENDER TREE: POEMS OF CUBA'S STRUGGLES FOR FREEDOM**  
Margarita Engle  
WSC Juvenile  
j 811.6 En35s

2008  **THE POET SLAVE OF CUBA: A BIOGRAPHY OF JUAN FRANCISCO MANZANO**  
Margarita Engle  
WSC Young Adult  
YA 861.5 M319Xe

2006  **THE TEQUILA WORM**  
Viola Canales  
WSC Juvenile  
C16t

2004  **BEFORE WE WERE FREE**  
Julia Alvarez  
WSC Juvenile  
j AL86b

2002  **ESPERANZA RISING**  
Pam Muñoz Ryan  
WSC Juvenile  
j R957e

2000  **UNDER THE ROYAL PALMS: A CHILDHOOD IN CUBA**  
Alma Flor Ada  
WSC Juvenile  
j 863.6 Ad11A

1998  **PARROT IN THE OVEN: MI VIDA**  
Victor Martinez  
WSC Young Adult  
YA Fic M3639p

1996  **AN ISLAND LIKE YOU: STORIES OF THE BARRIO**  
Judith Ortiz Cofer  
WSC Young Adult  
YA Fic C6542i

**ILLUSTRATOR AWARD**

2019  **DREAMERS**  
Yuyi Morales  
WSC Exam Easy  
E M793d

2018  **LA PRINCESA AND THE PEA**  
Susan Middleton Elya & Juana Martinez-Neal  
WSC Children’s Foreign Language  
E Sp EL91p

2017  **LOWRIDERS TO THE CENTER OF THE EARTH**  
Cathy Camper & Raúl Gonzalez  
WSC Juvenile  
j C154L

2016  **DRUM DREAM GIRL**  
Margarita Engle & Rafael López  
WSC Easy  
E En35d

2015  **VIVA FRIDA**  
Yuyi Morales & Tim O’Meara  
WSC Children’s Foreign Language  
E Sp M793v

2014  **NIÑO WRESTLES THE WORLD**  
Yuyi Morales  
WSC Children’s Foreign Language  
E Sp M793n

2013  **MARTIN DE PORRES: THE ROSE IN THE DESERT**  
Gary D. Schmidt & David Diaz  
WSC Easy  
E Sch53m

2019  **HONOR BOOKS**

**AUTHOR**

*They Call Me Güero: A Border Kid’s Poems*  
by David Bowles

**ILLUSTRATOR**

*Islandborn*  
by Junot Díaz & Leo Espinosa  
WSC Exam Easy  
E D5434i

*When Angels Sing: The Story of Rock Legend Carlos Santana*  
by Michael James Mahin & José Ramírez  
Coming Soon

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