



## Hispanic and Latin authors for Young Adults!

The list below is of fiction titles only. We will be working on other categories in the near future. Check back soon!  
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Author	Title	Synopsis	Level
Alcala, Kathleen	Spirits of the ordinary	Set in northern Mexico, a family struggles to stay together while its members search for identity and meaning during a period of social and political upheaval and turmoil.	Adult
Allende, Isabel	Daughter of fortune	An orphan raised in Chile by her young brother, Eliza, follows her dream to California to the Gold Rush. Along her way she finds love but has many hard days ahead of her. In the end she must decide who her true love really is.	Adult 9.0
Allende, Isabel	The house of spirits	The epic story of the passionate Trueba family begins at the turn of the century in South America.	Young Adult
Allende, Isabel	The infinite plan	Story of Gregory Reeves's search for love and his attempt to reconcile his past which included poverty, neglect, war, and abusive relationships with his current strivings for success and peace of mind.	Young Adult
Alvarez, Julia	How the Garcia girls lost their accents	Fifteen interrelated stories, unfolding back in time from 1989 to 1956, which explore the dilemmas of four Latinas uprooted from a privileged island life and thrown into the unyielding big city.	Young Adult 6.2
Alvarez, Julia	In the name of Salome	A novel based on the life of Profesora Camila Henriquez-Urena, a teacher whose mother was Salome Urena, famous nineteenth-century political poet from the Dominican Republic.	Adult
Alvarez, Julia	Yo!	Yolanda Garcia finds success with her first novel in which she made characters out of her family members and friends, but her "fictionally victimized" relatives exact revenge by telling all they know about the author, Yo.	Adult 6.1
Alvarez, Julia	In the time of butterflies	Gives a fictionalized account of four sisters in the Dominican Republic under the dictatorship of General Trujillo.	Adult 5.8
Anaya, Rudolfo A.	Rio Grande fall	Albuquerque private detective Sonny Baca is called to investigate when it appears that drug-dealers, murderers, and shamanistic magic have taken over the annual balloon festival.	Adult
Anaya, Rudolfo A.	Shaman winter	Private detective Sonny Baca, still recovering from his last run-in with Raven, must enter the spirit world in his attempt to discover why his archenemy is kidnapping young girls from their homes.	Adult
Anaya, Rudolfo A.	Bless me, Ultima	Set in a small New Mexican community during World War II, Antonio speaks of the dignity, traditions, and mythology of Chicano life.	Adult 6.9

Anaya, Rudolfo A.	Heart of Aztlan	Portrays the plight of workers dispossessed of their heritage and struggling to survive in an alien culture in New Mexico.	Adult
Anaya, Rudolfo A.	Zia summer	Albuquerque private eye Sonny Baca is out to solve his cousin Gloria's murder.	Adult 5.1
Belpre, Pura	Firefly summer	At a plantation in rural Puerto Rico around the turn of the century the foreman pursues the mystery surrounding his family	Young Adult
Bernardo, Anilu	Fitting in	A collection of stories about young girls who as Cuban immigrants to the United States grow in confidence and spirit as they confront painful challenges, meeting them head-on.	Young Adult
Bernardo, Anilu	Jumping off to freedom	Courage and desperation lead fifteen-year-old David and his father to flee Cuba's repressive regime and seek freedom by taking to the sea on a raft headed for Miami.	Young Adult
Bernardo, Anilu	Loves me, loves me not	While trying to win the attention of a high school basketball star who already has a girlfriend, Maggie, a Cuban American, learns painful lessons about romantic young love.	Young Adult
Bernardo, Jose Raul	Secret of the bulls	Maximiliano and Delores marry and manage to raise a family, despite parental disapproval, natural disasters, financial hardships, and the "machismo" traditions of Cuban society in the early twentieth century.	Adult
Bernardo, Jose Raul	Silent wing	When Julian is exiled from Cuba, he travels to Mexico City where he is supposed to marry the daughter of a Cuban lawyer, but then he meets Sol, and is forced to choose between the woman he loves and the woman he has promised to marry.	Adult
Bertrand, Diane Gonzales	Trino's time	With the help of some friends and a Tejano hero that he discovers in history class, thirteen-year-old Trino copes with his problems and his world.	Young Adult
Bertrand, Diane Gonzales	Trino's choice	Frustrated by his poor financial situation and hoping to impress a smart girl, seventh grader Trino falls in with a bad crowd led by an older teen with a vicious streak.	Young Adult 4.9
Bridal, Tessa	Tree of red stars	Coming of age story set in war-torn Uruguay.	Adult
Castillo, Ana	So far from God	Tells the story of two decades in the life of a Mexican-American family in Tome, New Mexico, led by Sofia, who raises four daughters while coping with the disappearance of her gambling husband.	Adult 7.4
Chavez, Denise	Face of an angel	A Latino waitress in a New Mexican restaurant recalls the voices of small-town Mexican American life.	Adult
Cisneros, Sandra	The House on Mango Street	In a series of vignettes stunning for their eloquence, this is the story of Esperanza Cordero, a young girl growing up in the Hispanic quarter of Chicago with all its hard realities of life. She captures her thoughts and emotions in poems and stories in order to rise above the hopelessness and create a space for herself.	YoungA dult 4.5

Cisneros, Sandra	Woman Hollering Creek	From a young girl revealing secrets only an eleven-year-old can know to a witch woman circling above the village on a predawn flight, the women in this story collection offer tales of pure discovery, filled with moments of infinite and intimate wisdom.	Adult 7.5
Engle, Margarita	Skywriting: a novel of Cuba	A novel about a woman raised by her Anglo mother in the U.S., but drawn to Cuba, the land of her father. Her half-brother is imprisoned after an attempt to flee Cuba by raft, and she goes to great lengths to get him freed. Eventually, she gets bribe money from a wealthy branch of their family in Spain.	Adult
Escandon, Maria Amparo	Esperanza's box of saints	Esperanza, told that her daughter has died and not allowed to view the body, refuses to believe the child is dead, and embarks upon a quest--spurred by the words of a saint who appeared to her in the oven door--that challenges her faith and transforms her life.	Adult
Esquivel, Laura	Like water for chocolate	This tale takes place on the De La Garza family ranch in Mexico at the beginning of the twentieth century.	Adult
Ferre, Rosario	Eccentric neighborhoods	Elvira Vernet, a budding feminist in a male-dominated household in Puerto Rico, must come to an understanding of her mother, a member of the traditional Rivas de Santillanas family, before she can move on with her life.	Adult
Ferre, Rosario	The House on the lagoon	While Isabel Montfort composes a family chronicle--a story of enterprise and intrigue, sexual combat and political strife, and Spanish émigrés and African slaves, her husband Quintin angrily writes his own version of their shared life in the margins.	Adult
Fuentes, Carlos	Christopher unborn	Mexico, 1991: Black acid rain falls on Makesicko City, the most polluted, most populated city in the world. Amid this apocalyptic landscape a prize is being offered to the first child born on the 500th anniversary of Columbus' discovery of America. That child is the narrator of this passionate, savage novel by one of the world's preeminent writers.	Adult
Fuentes, Carlos	The crystal frontier	The crystal frontier that separates Mexico from the United States is the frontier that both unites and divides the characters of this novel, all of whom are linked by the one central figure of Leonardo Barroso, a Mexican business tycoon who successfully exploits the country to the north.	Adult
Fuentes, Carlos	Diana, the Goddess who hunts alone	A novel about a passionate affair with an American actress, in which the narrator presents a story about love, sex, paranoia, and control, and the culture that shapes them.	Adult
Fuentes, Carlos	The old gringo	A fictional account of what happened to American journalist Ambrose Bierce when he disappeared in Mexico during the civil war there.	Adult

Garcia Marquez Gabriel	Love in the time of cholera	A love story that ranges from the late nineteenth century to the early decades of our own, tracing the lives of three people and their entwined fates.	Adult
Garcia Marquez Gabriel	One hundred years of solitude	The rise and fall, birth and death of the mythical town of Macondo as told through the history of the Buendia family.	Adult
Garcia Marquez, Gabriel	The general in his labyrinth	Recounts the turbulent life of the great Simon Bolivar.	Adult
Garcia, Cristina	The Aguero sisters	Two Cuban sisters--one a master electrician in Havana, the other a successful cosmetics saleswoman in Miami--are reunited after a thirty-year separation and learn the truth behind their mother's tragic death at the hands of their father years earlier.	Adult
Garcia, Cristina	Dreaming in Cuban	The story of four strong-willed women of the del Pino family of Havana and of Brooklyn who are divided by conflicting political loyalties.	Adult
Garcia, Ricardo L.	Coal camp days : a boy's remembrance	In this fictionalized memoir based on the author's childhood, a six-year-old boy describes his life in a coal mining town in northern New Mexico during World War II.	Young Adult
Garcia-Aguilera Carolina	Bloody secrets	Miami P.I. Lupe owns her own business in South Beach and employs her health-and-fitness obsessed cousin Leonardo as her assistant and receptionist. She takes on the defense of a prominent Cuban American jeweler, charged with murder of a Cuban refugee, or rafter, who was killed in an apparent burglary attempt. Lupe must also solve the puzzle of how her best friend, killed in an auto accident, is involved in the case.	Adult
Garcia-Aguilera Carolina	Bloody waters	What starts out as a seemingly routine missing persons case for private investigator, Lupe Solano, soon turns into a potentially life threatening situation.	Adult
Gee, Maurine	Chicano, Amigo	Kiki is an eight year old Chicano who wants to be a good boy scout. His single mindedness seems commendable, yet infuriating to Marc, chief of the den and Kiki's protector. However, when Kiki's life is in danger during an earthquake, Marc realized his affection for Kiki and works desperately to save him.	Young Adult
Goldman, Francisco	The ordinary seaman	Nineteen-year-old Esteban finds himself trapped in New York without money or legal status when he arrives from Nicaragua, along with fourteen other men, to take a job on a cargo ship, only to discover that the vessel is not seaworthy.	Adult
Herrera, Juan	CrashBoomLove: a novel in verse	After his father leaves home, sixteen-year-old Cesar Garcia lives with his mother and struggles through the painful experiences of growing up as a Mexican American high school student.	Young Adult 6.5

Hijuelos, Oscar	Empress of the splendid season	Lydia leaves Cuba for New York in the hopes of finding a husband who can give her the elegant life she has always dreamed of, and when she meets Raul, she thinks those dreams are finally coming true, but then Raul falls ill and Lydia is forced to give up her dreams and learn a lesson in humility.	Adult
Hijuelos, Oscar	The fourteen sisters of Emilio Montez O'Brien	The saga of the Montez O'Brien family, the children of an enterprising Irish-American named Nelson O'Brien, and his beautiful, aristocratic Cuban-American wife, Mariela Montez. The lives of their extraordinary children span the 20th century and the globe.	Adult
Hijuelos, Oscar	The mambo kings play songs of love	Cesar and Nestor, Cuban musicians, make their way from Havana to the New York stage in 1949 where they share triumphs and tragedies.	Adult
Limon, Graciela	The day of the moon	A young ranch hand helps a family deal with the painful secrets they are hiding in their pasts.	Adult
Martinez, Tomas Eloy	Santa Evita	Fictional portrayal of factual events that occurred upon the death of Argentina's legendary Eva Peron, following the travels of her corpse which was hidden, stolen, duplicated, smuggled, buried, dug up, and hijacked before finally being laid to rest.	Adult
Martinez, Victor	Parrot in the oven	Manny relates his coming of age experiences as a member of a poor Mexican American family in which the alcoholic father only adds to everyone's struggle.	Young Adult 6.1
Mastretta, Angeles	Lovesick	Childhood adversaries Emilia Sauri and Daniel Cuenca grow up to be lovers, but when the Mexican revolution calls Daniel away, Emilia, who has trained to be a doctor, turns to Dr. Antonio Zavalza who she almost marries before realizing she cannot choose between the two men.	Adult
Mohr, Nicholasa	El Bronx remembered : a novella and stories	Contains a novella and over ten short fiction stories that tell of the lives and dreams of the residents of the Puerto Rican neighborhood of El Bronx in the years between 1946 and 1956.	Young Adult 6.1
Mohr, Nicholasa	Nilda : a novel	A young girl growing up in Spanish Harlem in the 1940's watches the secure world of her childhood years slowly erode away.	Young Adult 5.4
Munoz, Elias Miguel	Brand new memory	When her grandmother comes from Cuba for a visit, California teenager Gina Domingo hears tales of life on the island and discovers a new outlook on life.	Adult
Ortiz Cofer, Judith	An island like you : stories of the barrio	Twelve stories about young people caught between their Puerto Rican heritage and their American surroundings.	Young Adult
Perez, Loida	Geographies of home	Iliana attempts to escape her overprotective parents by attending a college five hours away, but a haunting voice telling disturbing news about her sisters draws Iliana home.	Adult

Quinonez, Ernesto	Bodega dreams	Chino, a young Puerto Rican man with a bright future, looks to Willie Bodega, the New York City drug pusher who rules Spanish Harlem, for a favor and becomes ensconced in a world of betrayal and violence.	Adult
Restrepo, Laura	The angel of Galilea	When Laura Restrepo is sent to the Galilea barrio to investigate an angel sighting, she is skeptical, but then she meet the mysterious young man and vows to save him from the story-hungry tabloid reporters.	Adult
Rivera, Beatriz	Midnight sandwiches at the Mariposa Express	Trish Izquierdo decides to liven up the town of West Echevarria as she rewrites its history.	Adult
Rivera, Rick P.	A fabricated Mexican	Ricky Coronado searches for his identity in a large, close-knit Mexican-American family and for his place in the mainstream American culture.	Adult
Santiago, Danny	Famous all over town	Fourteen-year-old Chato Medina is out to beat the odds in the Los Angeles Chicano barrio where he lives.	Adult 6.5
Santiago, Esmerelda	America's dream	América Gonzalez leaves Puerto Rico for a job as a live-in housekeeper and nanny for a family in Westchester County, New York.	Adult
Santiago, Esmerelda	Almost a woman	Esmeralda Santiago discusses what it was like to grow up as a Puerto Rican teenager in New York and to go against the wishes of her over-protective mother and discover her true identity.	Adult 6.9
Soto, Gary	Petty crimes	A collection of short stories about Mexican American youth growing up in California's Central Valley.	Middle 5.2
Soto, Gary	Baseball in April and other stories	A collection of eleven short stories focusing on the everyday adventures of Hispanic young people growing up in Fresno, California.	Middle 5.1
Soto, Gary	A fire in my hands: a book of poems	The author's twenty-one poems are about the themes of life and each is preceded by a personal anecdote.	Middle 5.9
Soto, Gary	Jesse	Two Mexican American brothers hope that junior college will help them escape their heritage of tedious physical labor.	Middle 5.8
Soto, Gary	Local news	A collection of thirteen short stories about the everyday lives of Mexican American young people in California's Central Valley.	Middle 5.1
Soto, Gary	Neighborhood odes	Twenty-one poems about growing up in a Hispanic neighborhood, highlighting the delights in such everyday items as sprinklers, the park, the library, and pomegranates.	Middle 5.3
Soto, Gary	Pacific crossing	Fourteen-year-old Mexican American Lincoln Mendoza spends a summer with a host family in Japan, encountering new experiences and making new friends.	Middle 4.6
Soto, Gary	Buried onions	When nineteen-year-old Eddie drops out of college, he struggles to find a place for himself as a Mexican American living in a violence-infested neighborhood of Fresno, California.	Young Adult 5.9

Taibo, Paco Ignacio	Just passing through	San Vicente, a leftist hero in 1920's post-revolutionary Mexico, goes about his heroic activities of dodging thugs, organizing strikes against the capitalists, and hiding out from the Mexican Army.	Adult
Vargas Llosa, Mario	Death in the Andes	While searching for guerrilla troops a bored and lonely soldier finds himself a witness to disappearances, social upheaval, cannibalistic rituals, and political violence.	Adult
Vargas Llosa, Mario	Aunt Julia and the scriptwriter	Aunt Julia says she wants a husband, but finds herself in a scandalous May-September relationship with her nephew instead.	Adult
Veciana-Suarez, Ana	The chin kiss king	Three generations of Cuban-American women, Cuza, her daughter Adela, and her granddaughter Maribel, are forced to acknowledge the strong ties that bind them together when Maribel's son is born with a severe birth defect.	Adult
Villasenor, Victor	Macho!	Macho details seventeen-year-old Roberto Garcia's journey from the state of Michoacan, Mexico, to his illegal entry into the United States.	Young Adult
Villasenor, Victor	Wild steps of heaven	Presents the story of the author's father's family, telling of the dynasty created by Don Juan and Doña Villaseñor during the tumultuous era of the Mexican Revolution.	Adult
Viramontes, Helena Maria	Under the feet of Jesus	The story a young California migrant worker's dream of becoming a geologist. Estrella is thirteen when she arrives in her new temporary home with her younger siblings, her mother Petra, and the man who is not her father, Perfecto. Estrella's ebullient spirit is painfully contrasted with Petra's coping, mid-thirties fatigue.	Young Adult
Yglesias, Jose	Break-in	When retired fire chief Rudy Pardo catches Munro, a young African American man, burglarizing his house, Rudy becomes determined to make a positive impact on the young man's life.	Adult