



## Yuyi Morales

### Topics

Best Selling and Award Winning Authors, Children and Young Adult Authors, Diversity and Inclusion

### Travels From

California

### Bio

Born in Mexico and raised among giant grandmothers, mossy house walls, and rampaging feral gardens, Yuyi Morales fostered a strong bond with the magical stories that ran in her family. Since immigrating to the USA in 1994, she has drawn from her family's legacy and her heritage to create some of the most celebrated Latino works for children's books. Yuyi Morales is the 2004 winner of the Pura Belpre Medal for Illustration for her book *Just a Minute: A Trickster Tale and Counting Book* as well as the 2008 winner for *Los Gatos Black on Halloween* (written by Marissa Montes), given to a Latino illustrator whose work best portrays, affirms, and celebrates the Latino cultural experience in an outstanding work of literature for children and youth. Her book *Harvesting Hope; The Story of Cesar Chavez* (written by Kathell Krull) was the recipient of the Christopher Award and the Jane Adams Award and was deemed one of the best books of 2003 by *Child Magazine*, *San Francisco Chronicle*, and *School Library Journal*. Her newest book is *Dreamers* Yuyi Morales is also the creator of ALA notable book, *Little Night*, co-released in Spanish as *Nohecita*, and winner of the 2008 SCBWI Golden

Kite Medal. Other recognitions her work has received include the Americas Award, the California Book Award, and the Tomas Rivera Award won in 2004 and 2008. Asked about her work, Yuyi says, "I strive to capture the incredible beauty of the everyday forms using textures and colors as another way to reveal the heart of the story. I also pursue glow and luminosity with resolve. If I could ask for a talent, it would be to become a color genius."

## SPEECHES

**An Evening with Yuyi Morales** Yuyi discusses her career in writing and illustrating children's books, her heritage, and the importance of fostering bilingual children.

## BOOKS



Hardcover

[Rudas; Niños Horrendous Hermanitas](#)

Square Fish

No opponent is too big a challenge for the cunning skills of Las Hermanitas, Lucha Queens! Their Poopy Bomb Blowout will knock em' down! Their Tag-Team Teething will gnaw opponents down to a pulp! Their Pampered Plunder Diversion will fell even the most determined competitor! But what happens when Niño comes after them with a move of his own? Watch the tables turn in this wild, exciting wrestling adventure from Caldecott Honor author Yuyi Morales.

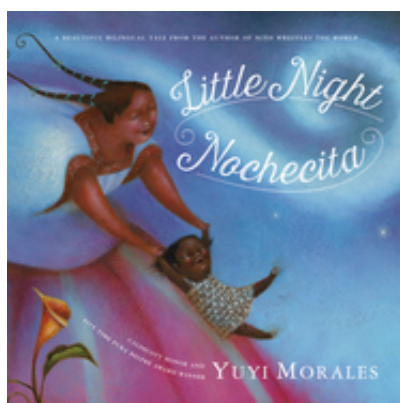


Hardcover

[Los Gatos Black on Halloween](#)

Square Fish

Follow los monstruos and los esqueletos to the Halloween party in this bilingual poem written by Marisa Montes, with illustrations by award-winning author and illustrator Yuyi Morales.

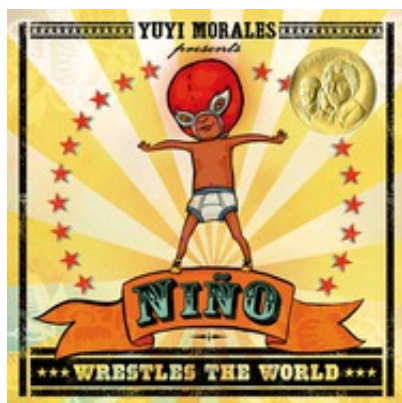


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[Little Night/Nohecita](#)

Square Fish

Where could Little Night be? Down a rabbit hole? In a blueberry field? Among the stripes of bees? Exquisitely painted and as gentle as Little Night's dress crocheted from clouds, this is a story to treasure. With a bilingual text in both English and Spanish, *Little Night Nohecita* by Yuyi Morales is a sweet story every child can enjoy.



Hardcover

### [Niño Wrestles the World](#)

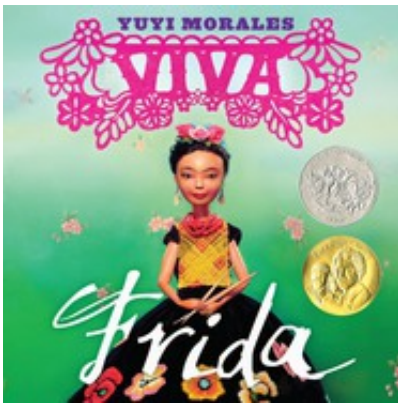
Square Fish

*Niño Wrestles the World* is in English with Spanish vocabulary, and is a fun, colorful story about a boy wrestling with imaginary monsters (including an Olmec Head and La Llorona) and adversaries like his younger sisters. This is a joyful picture book about imagination, play, and siblings.

### [Viva Frida](#)

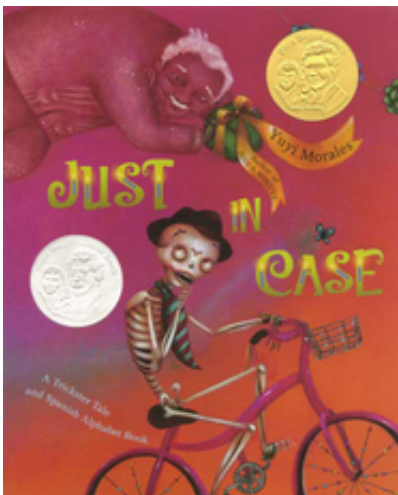
Roaring Brook Press

Frida Kahlo, one of the world's most famous and unusual artists is revered around the world. Her life



was filled with laughter, love, and tragedy, all of which influenced what she painted on her canvases.

Hardcover



Hardcover

[Just in Case](#) A Trickster Tale and Spanish Alphabet Book

Roaring Brook Press

Yuyi Morales takes us on a new journey with Señor Calvera, the skeleton from Day of the Dead celebrations. Señor Calvera is worried. He can't figure out what to give Grandma Beetle for her birthday. Misunderstanding the advice of Zelmiro the Ghost, Señor Calvera decides not to get her one gift, but instead one gift for every letter of the alphabet, just in case.

REVIEWS: “Her talks were very well received. I believe she made a lasting impact on our community.”

— Steve Daniel Przymus, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Bilingual Education & Educational Linguistics,  
Texas Christian University