

Pat Mora's Children's Books



Many cultures have traditions for honoring their loved ones. In *The Remembering Day, El Día de los Muertos*, Pat imagines how this custom may have started in Mexico. She looks forward to sharing this story and sharing her fascination with water in *Water Rolls, Water Rises/El agua rueda, el agua sube* which has received numerous awards. She is also excited about the two recent books she wrote with her daughter, Libby Martinez, *I Pledge Allegiance* and *Bravo, Chico Canta! Bravo!*

Pat savors writing, presenting, and promoting creativity, inclusivity and bookjoy. Among her other children's books, many available in Spanish or bilingual editions are *The Beautiful Lady: Our Lady of Guadalupe*; her haiku collection *Yum! ¡MmMm! ¡Qué rico!* winner of the Américas Award and an ALA Notable; and *Doña Flor: A Tall Tale about a Giant Woman with a Great Big Heart*, an ALA Notable that received a Pura Belpré Author Honor Award and a Golden Kite Award from the Society of Children's Writers and Illustrators.

Her books for adults include *Zing! Seven Creativity Practices for Educators and Students*, a writing memoir and innovation guide; *House of Houses*, a family memoir; *Nepantla: Essays from the Land in the Middle*; and six poetry collections, the most recent, *Adobe Odes*. Her most recent collection for teens is *Dizzy in Your Eyes: Poems about Love* written in teen voices.

A literacy advocate excited about sharing what she calls "bookjoy," Pat founded Children's Day, Book Day, El día de los niños, El día de los libros often known as **Día**. This year-long commitment promotes creatively linking all children and families to books and establishing annual April Children's Day, Book Day celebrations across the country. April 2016 will be Día's 20th Anniversary. Pat's *Book Fiesta* captures the Día spirit.

Among her awards are Honorary Doctorates from North Carolina State University and SUNY Buffalo, Honorary Membership in the American Library Association, Life-time Membership in USBBY, a Civitella Ranieri Fellowship to write in Umbria, Italy, and a Distinguished Alumni Award from the University of Texas at El Paso. She was a recipient and judge of a Poetry Fellowship from the National Endowment for the Arts and a recipient and advisor of the Kellogg National Leadership Fellowships.

A former teacher, university administrator, museum director, and consultant, Pat is a popular national speaker at conferences, campuses, libraries and schools. She has three adult children and a sweet Austin granddaughter. Pat is married to anthropology professor Vern Scarborough and lives in Santa Fe, NM.

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