

## *Pat Mora's Children's Books*



Pat is an award-winning author of books for children, teens and adults, a literacy advocate and a popular presenter. Her new children's book is *My Singing Nana*, Magination Press. The University of Arizona Press published her seventh adult poetry collection, *Encantado: Desert Monologues*.

She has published three books of adult nonfiction *House of Houses*, a family memoir; *Zing! Seven Creativity Practices for Educators and Students*, a writing memoir and innovation guide; and *Nepantla: Essays from the Land in the Middle*.

Pat's poetry collections for young readers include *Bookjoy, Wordjoy; Water Rolls, Water Rises; Yum! ¡MmMm! ¡Qué Rico! Confetti*; and *This Big Sky*. Pat also wrote two poetry collections for young adults, *Dizzy in Your Eyes: Poems about Love* written in the voices of teens, and *My Own True Name*.

Among her other children's books, many available in Spanish or bilingual editions, are *Doña Flor: A Tall Tale about a Giant Woman with a Great Big Heart* and *Tomás and the Library Lady*.

Pat's honors include the Lon Tinkle Award for lifetime achievement from the Texas Institute of Letters, the Virginia Hamilton Literary Award, and she delivered the May Hill Arbuthnot Lecture. She's a lifetime member of the United States Board on Books for Young People (USBBY), an honorary member of the American Library Association, received National Leadership (Kellogg Foundation) and Poetry Fellowships (NEA), and honorary doctorates from North Carolina State University and SUNY Buffalo.

With her author/lawyer daughter, Libby Martinez, Pat wrote *I Pledge Allegiance* and *Bravo, Chico Canta! Bravo!* A literacy advocate excited about sharing what she calls "bookjoy," in 1996, she founded Children's Day, Book Day, in Spanish, El día de los niños, El día de los libros, "Día." Pat and her partners including the American Library Association and First Book nationally promote this year-long initiative of creatively linking all children and families to books and establishing annual April Children's Day, Book Day celebrations. Pat's *Book Fiesta* captures this bookjoy spirit. April 30, 2020 will be the 24th anniversary of this initiative.

Born in El Paso, Texas to a loving, bilingual family, Pat lives in Santa Fe, New Mexico. She's grateful for her three children, her enthusiastic six-year-old granddaughter, her husband, retired anthropology professor Vern Scarborough, and her readers. A former teacher, university administrator, museum director, and consultant, Pat is a popular speaker about creativity, inclusivity and bookjoy. She is always working on new books.

Please join Pat in promoting Children's Day, Book Day.

[www.patmora.com](http://www.patmora.com)