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## Grandma Lale's Tamales: A Christmas Story by Nasario Garcia

Description: Tamales are one of the most important holiday traditions in New Mexico. But tamales can be made and eaten all year! This is the story of Junie López and his Grandma Lale. She is known for her tamales and Junie discovers all that goes in to a truly authentic tamale. Junie and his Grandma live in a small, Hispanic village in Northern New Mexico.

Pablita Velarde Children's Book Award, 2015; Finalist, 2015 Latino Book Awards; 3rd Place, NM Press Women Book Awards

ISBN: 978-1-890689-26-8 \$24.95 pb 374pp Subject Category: Bilingual Childrens' Picture Book

## How Chile Came to New Mexico by Rudolfo Anaya

**Description**: This is the exciting tale of how Native Americans helped bring chile to the region through a journey with many dangers. A story of love and romance exploring the many cultures of the Southwest. Second book in the award-winning series with storyteller Rudolfo Anaya, the art of santero Nicolás Otero and the translation of Nasario García.

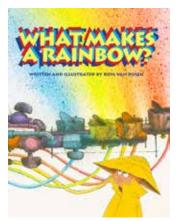


ISBN: 978-1-936744-20-6 \$24.95 pb 46pp Subject Category: Bilingual Children's Picture Book



#### What Makes a Rainbow? by Ross Van Dusen

**Description**: We have all seen a rainbow but do we know how they happen? Artist Ross Van Dusen takes a whimsical look at how a rainbow comes to be. A child looks at the colors, the rain, and the sky to give an explanation of why rainbows are in our world. Readers will love the colors, the words, and the ideas brought together in this magical book of drops of water. The art is an amazing collection of images that children and adults will fall in love with over and over again. Rainbows will never be seen the same way again.



#### **NEW RELEASE 2015**

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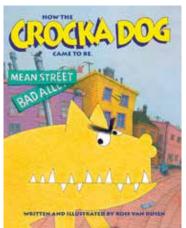
#### How the Crocka Dog Came to Be by Ross Van Dusen

Description: Did you know bullies can hurt dogs too? This is the story of a puppy named Frank who lived on Bad Alley. When Frank is abused he turns into Crocka Dog and things get ugly. Elwood, just a boy, shows Frank love and affection. Crocka Dog changes and shows us all that just a little kindness can do wonders.

#### NEW RELEASE 2015

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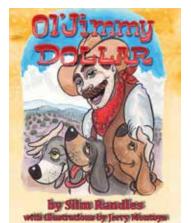
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## **Ol' Jimmy Dollar by Slim Randles**

Description: An award-winning author and syndicated columnist, Randles is known for his adult books but this kids' story has been rolling around in his brain for years. It is about Jimmy and his dogs' - Utensil, A-Frame, and Awesome. Cowboys and Cowgirls will love this simple, cute tale. The book was illustrated by award-winning artist, Jerry Montoya of Grants, New Mexico. The book is funny and has a Glossary of Terms in the back to help with some of the cowboy words.



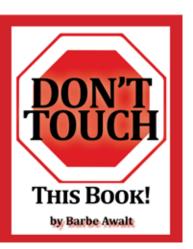
#### **NEW RELEASE 2015**

**ISBN**: 978-1-936744-40-4 \$24.95hb; 52pp

Subject Category: Children's Picture Book

## Don't Touch This Book! by Barbe Awalt

Description: This book is a throwback to many things we were told not to do as kids. You better not put a book under your bed, eat with a book, or give a book to a dog! The items in this book are about books. As the co-founder of the New Mexico Book Co-op. Barbe Awalt loves books. Kids have to learn to love books at an early age. Maybe this will make them laugh while reading and isn't that what it is all about?



#### **NEW RELEASE 2015**

ISBN: 978-1-936744-28-2 (pb) \$16.99

Subject Category: Children's Picture Book

## Los Chilitos by Viola Peña

**Description:** *Los Chilitos* is a very New Mexican story for children about the Little Chile Peppers by Viola Peña of Grants, New Mexico. The bright pictures of Salcita, Paula, Cía, Pepita, Chilito, Mona, Dormilón, and Marco chile peppers make an appealing story of New Mexico's favorite crop. The illustrator is Jerry Montoya, also from Grants. This is all about how chile grow and what they can be used



for; and all with Grandfather's help. This is a great way for kid's to learn all about chiles in the field!

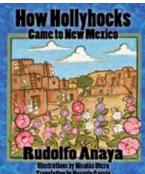
#### Finalist, 2010, New Mexico Book Awards

**ISBN**: 978-1-890689-68-1 (pb) \$16.95; 978-1-936744-22-0 (hb) \$24.95; 48pp

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## How Hollyhocks Came to New Mexico by Rudolfo Anaya

**Description**: This is a fanciful folk tale that helps explain the beautiful flowers that can be seen in all parts of New Mexico in the summer and fall. Escaping Herod's wrath, Sueño, the angel, by mistake takes the Holy Family to New Mexico. Acclaimed author and teacher Rudolfo Anaya blends history in this tale that shows how different cultures can work together peacefully and respect the land we all need.



#### Best Book, NM-AZ Book Awards,

2013; Best Book, 2013 SW Book Design Award; Pablita Velarde Children's Book Award, 2013; Silver Medal, 2013 Ben Franklin Book Awards

**ISBN:** 978-1-936744-12-1 \$24.95 pb 46pp

Subject Category: Bilingual Children's Picture Book

## Shoes for the Santo Niño by Peggy Pond Church

**Description**: The story of Julianita and the Santo Niño is an expression of the fabric of northern New Mexico, its culture and its traditions—both the Native American and the Hispanic traditions. People pray to him for healing, mainly of children, and devoted pilgrims frequently leave children's shoes at his shrines. Written in the 1930s by famed New Mexico author Peggy Pond



Church and lost for almost seven decades, it is now brought back to life with full-color illustrations by award-winning Santa Fe artist Charlie Carrillo.

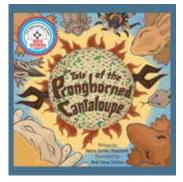
Winner, 2010 New Mexico Book Awards; Pablita Velarde Children's Book Award, 2010

**ISBN:** 978-1-89068964-3 (pb) \$19.95; 978-1-936744-23-7 (hb) \$24.95 64pp

**Subject Category**: Bilingual Children's Picture Book

# The Tale of the Pronghorned Cantaloupe by Sabra Brown Steinsiek

Description: Mmmm! Cantaloupe! Great for breakfast or a snack...at least they are now. But there was a time when wild pronghorned cantaloupe roamed the land and you had to get past sharp, ripping horns to get one if you wanted that sweet treat. Follow Andy and his boy as they grow up together in the time of the great cantaloupe roundups. You'll never look at breakfast the same again.



#### Winner, 2010, New Mexico Book Awards

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