

Hispanic Heritage Month

Mes de la Herencia Hispana

September 15th - October 15th

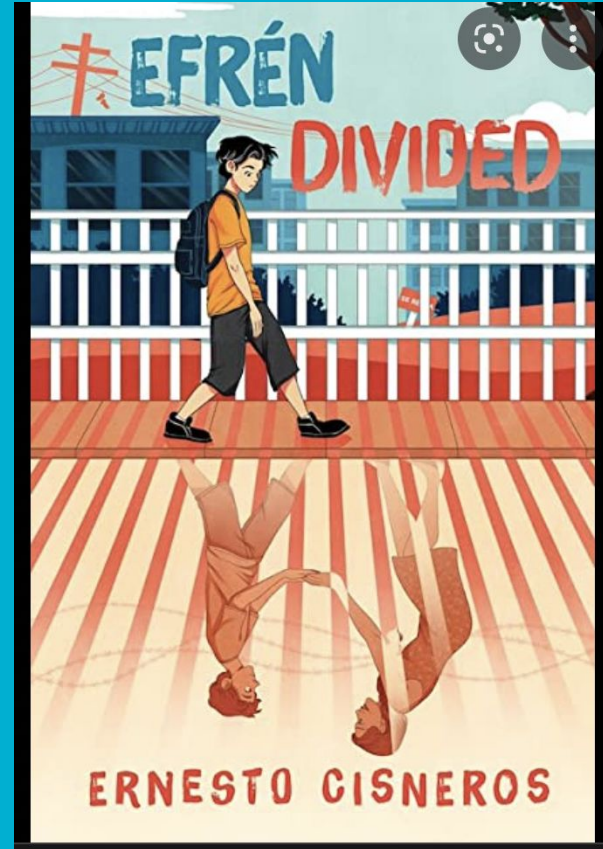
**Recommended
Book List** (Updated every
school day through October 15)

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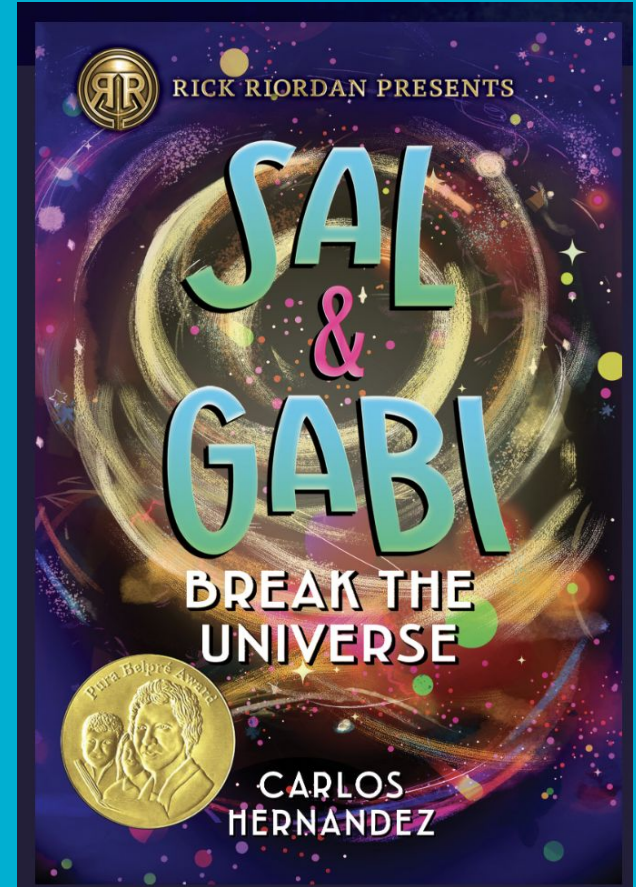
#1 Efrén Divided by Ernesto Cisneros

Efrén's life changes drastically after his mother gets deported. With his father working long hours to care for the family financially and also raise funds to bring his mother back to the States, Efrén has to take charge of the home front. He cares for his younger twin siblings, Max and Mia, while balancing schoolwork and school politics as well as his issues with his best friend, David. (Summary from readingmiddlegrade.com)



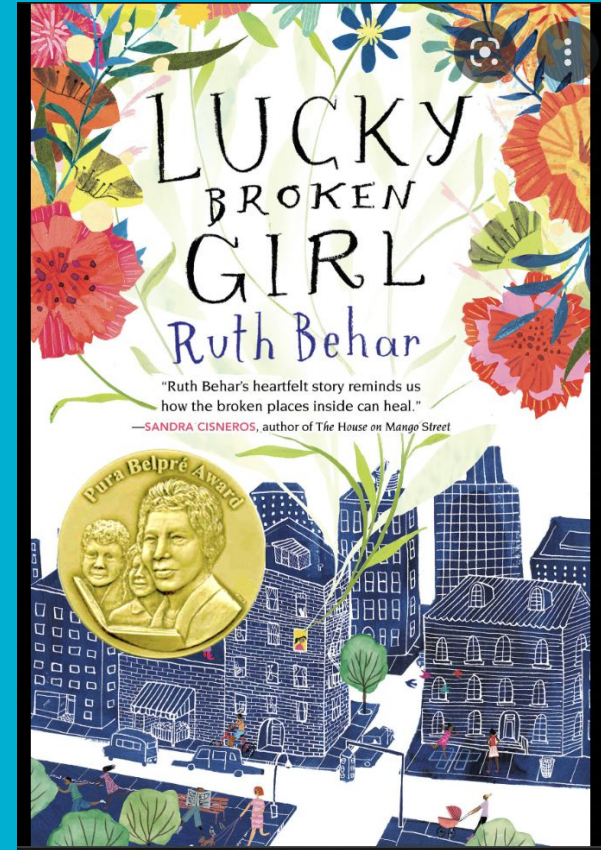
#2 Sal and Gabi Break the Universe by Carlos Hernandez

At the quirky Miami's Culeco Academy of the Arts, thirteen-year-old Sal Vidón has an inexplicable ability to reach through time and space to retrieve items, including his dead mother, from other dimensions. School reporter and student body president Gabi Real is on to him, but isn't bothered by his unusual abilities. Until, that is, her baby brother gets very ill. She enlists Sal's help, but in order to save him, Gabi and Sal might just break the universe. (Summary from Mackin)



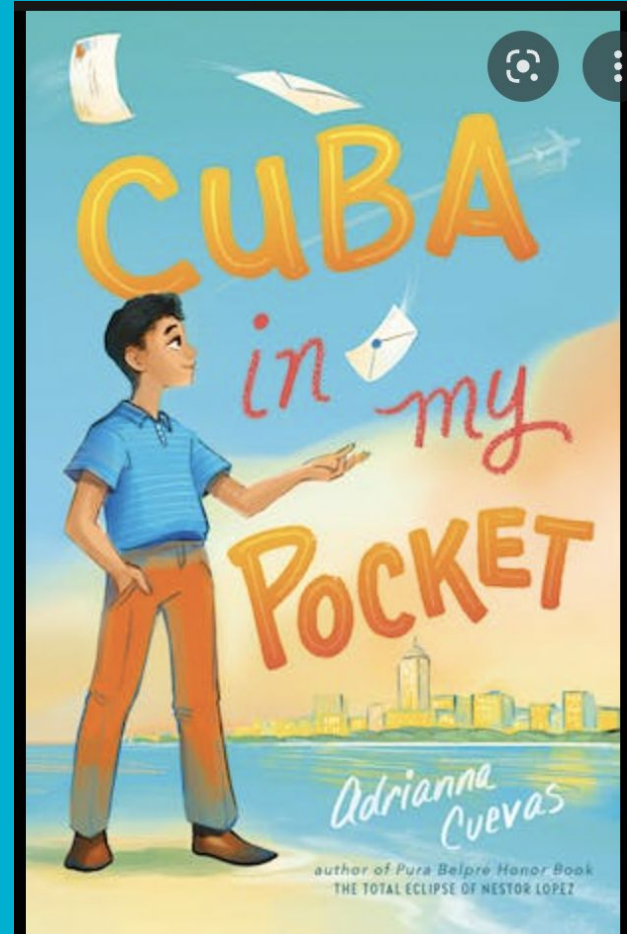
#3 Lucky Broken Girl by Ruth Behar

Ruthie Mizrahi and her family recently emigrated from Castro's Cuba to New York City. Just when she's finally beginning to gain confidence in her mastery of English –and enjoying her reign as her neighborhood's hopscotch queen – a horrific car accident leaves her in a body cast and confined to her bed for a long recovery. As Ruthie's world shrinks because of her inability to move, her powers of observation and her heart grow larger and she comes to understand how fragile life is, how vulnerable we all are as human beings, and how friends, neighbors, and the power of the arts can sweeten even the worst of times. (Summary from <https://www.ruthbehar.com>)



#4 Cuba in My Pocket by Adrianna Cuevas

To escape military service for children in 1961, twelve-year-old Cumba's parents send him away from Cuba to Miami, where he navigates his new life while longing for his family.



#5 Sia Martinez and the Moonlit Beginning of Everything by Raquel Vasquez Gilliland

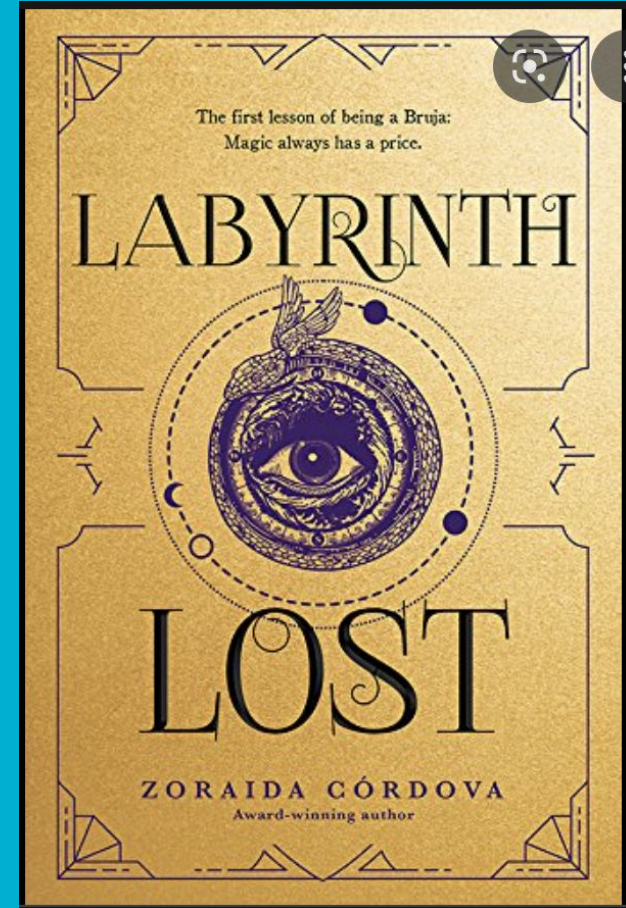
A Mexican American teen discovers profound connections between immigration, folklore, and alien life.

It's been three years since ICE raids and phone calls from Mexico and an ill-fated walk across the Sonoran. Three years since Sia Martinez's mom disappeared. Sia wants to move on, but it's hard in her tiny Arizona town where people refer to her mom's deportation as "an unfortunate incident."
(taken from Goodreads.com)



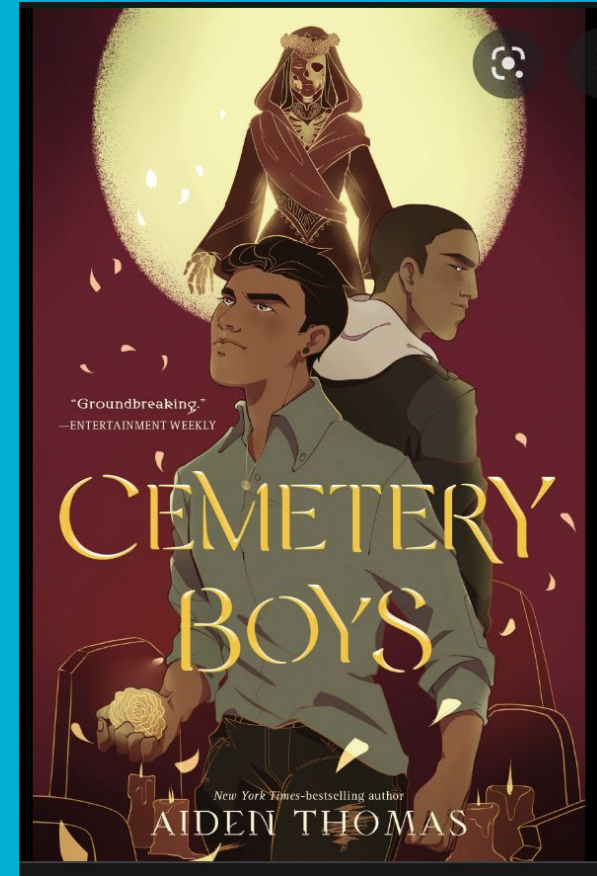
#6 Labyrinth Lost by Zoraida Cordova

Alex is a bruja, the most powerful witch in a generation...and she hates magic. At her Deathday celebration, Alex performs a spell to rid herself of her power. But it backfires. Her whole family vanishes into thin air, leaving her alone with Nova, a brujo she can't trust, but who may be Alex's only chance at saving her family. (taken from Goodreads.com)



#7 Cemetery Boys by Aiden Thomas

-When his traditional Latinx family has problems accepting his true gender, Yadriel becomes determined to prove himself a real **brujo**. With the help of his cousin and best friend Maritza, he performs the ritual himself, and then sets out to find the ghost of his murdered cousin and set it free.



#8 Santiago's Road Home by Alexandra Diaz

A young boy gets detained by ICE while crossing the border from Mexico to the United States in this timely and unflinching novel by award-winning author Alexandra Diaz.

The bed creaks under Santiago's shivering body. They say a person's life flashes by before dying. But it's not his whole life. Just the events that led to this. The important ones, and the ones Santiago would rather forget. (from Goodreads.com)

