



<i>Trino's Choice</i>	(Arte Publico Press, 1999)
<i>Lessons of the Game</i>	(Arte Publico Press, 1998)
<i>Alicia's Treasure</i>	(Arte Publico Press, 1996)
<i>Sweet Fifteen</i>	(Arte Publico Press, 1995)
<i>Carousel of Dreams</i>	(Avalon Books, 1992)
<i>Close to the Heart</i>	(Avalon Books, 1991)
<i>Touchdown for Love</i>	(Avalon Books, 1990)

### **Short Story Collections**

<i>There's a Name for this Feeling</i>	(Arte Publico Press, 2014)
<i>Upside Down and Backwards</i>	(Arte Publico Press, 2005)

### **Bilingual Picture Books:**

<i>Cecilia and Miguel are Best Friends</i>	(Arte Publico Press, 2014)
<i>Sofia and the Purple Dress</i>	(Arte Publico Press, 2012)
<i>Adelita and the Veggie Cousins</i>	(Arte Publico Press, 2011)
<i>The Park Our Town Built</i>	(Raven Tree Press, 2011)
<i>The Party for Papa Luis</i>	(Arte Publico Press, 2010)
<i>We Are Cousins/Somos Primos</i>	(Arte Publico Press, 2007)
<i>Ricardo's Race</i>	(Arte Publico Press, 2007)
<i>My Pal, Victor</i>	(Raven Tree Press, 2004)
<i>The Empanadas that Abuela Made</i>	(Arte Publico Press, 2003)
<i>The Last Doll</i>	(Arte Publico Press, 2001)
<i>Uncle Chente's Picnic</i>	(Arte Publico Press, 2001)
<i>Family, Familia</i>	(Arte Publico Press, 1999)
<i>Sip, Slurp, Soup, Soup/ Caldo, caldo, caldo</i>	(Arte Publico Press, 1997)

### **Poetry**

<i>Dawn Flower</i>	(Pecan Grove Press, 2013)
"I Dream of You in Waco"	2015 Texas Poetry Calendar
"The Sailor of Woodlawn Lake"	VIA Poetry on the Move 2014
"Driving through the Texas Hill Country"	2013 Texas Poetry Calendar
"Gilbert's Lament"	2012 Voces de la Luna Vol. 5
"Port Aransas Beaches"	2012 Texas Poetry Calendar
"Sitting at the San Antonio Airport"	VIA Poetry on the Move 2010
"Raw Stuff"	2009 Texas Poetry Calendar
"At The Sweethearts Dance"	2007 Texas Poetry Calendar

### **Non-fiction**

"Learning from the Rookie"	The Ultimate Teacher (HCI Books 2009)
"Growing as a Teacher"	The Art of Teaching Instructor Magazine, April 2004
"History by Any Other Name"	Red Boots and Attitude (Republic of Texas Press, 2002)

*"My Grandmother's Hands"* Grandmother Stories from the heart of Texas (Renten Press, 2002)  
*"Mommy Intellectual"* Chocolate for a Woman's Courage (Simon & Schuster, 2002)  
*"Just Tell Me Your Story"* Bayou Review University of Houston, 2000  
*"True Rewards"* The Writers Edge July 2000  
*"No TV Wednesdays"* Today's Catholic Newspaper 02-12-1999  
*"A Little Sister's Story"* Chocolate for a Teen's Soul (Simon & Schuster, 1999)  
*"Nicky's Heaven"* Chocolate for a Women's Spirit (Simon & Schuster, 1999)

## **AWARDS**

**2005 San Antonio Arts and Letters Award**

**1991 National Hispanic Scholar**

### **Book Awards**

*Cecilia and Miguel are Best Friends/Cecilia y Miguel son Mejores Amigos* (Arte Publico Press, 2014)  
Speaking Latino.com "Best Latino Children's Books 2014"

*There's a Name for this Feeling/Hay un Nombre para lo que Siento* (Arte Publico Press, 2014)  
2014/2015 Tomas Rivera Book Award Finalist

*Dawn Flower* (Pecan Grove Press, 2013)  
2014 Texas Writers League Finalist Texas Poetry Award

*Sofia and the Purple Dress* (Arte Publico Press, 2012)  
2013 Tejas Star Book Award Finalist

*The Park Our Town Built* (Raven Tree Books, 2011)  
2011 Bronze Medallion in Children's Literature  
2012 Tejas Star Book Award Finalist

*Adelita and the Veggie Cousins* (Arte Publico Press, 2011)  
2012 Tejas Star Book Award Finalist

*The Party for Papa Luis/la fiesta para Papa Luis* ((Arte Publico Press, 2010)  
--Winner Austin Public Library Friends Foundation Award (Texas Institute of Letters)  
--2010 Tejas Star Book Award List

*We are Cousins/Somos Primos* (Arte Publico Press, 2007)  
--2009 Tejas Star Reading List  
--2<sup>nd</sup> place Best Bilingual Children's Book Latino Book Awards 2008

*The Ruiz Street Kids/Los Muchachos de la calle Ruiz* (Arte Publico Press, 2006)  
--Winner Best Bilingual Children's Book Skipping Stones Award 2007  
--Winner Best Children's Novel (Bilingual) National Latino Book Awards 2007  
--Named to 2007 Tejas Star Reading List

*Upside Down and Backwards* (Arte Publico Press, 2005)

--Honorable Mention Paterson Book Award for Young People 2005

--Finalist, Teddy Book Award, Texas Writers League

*My Pal Victor* (Raven Tree Press 2004)

--American Library Association Schneider Family Book Award 2005

*The Empandas that Abuela Made* (Arte Publico Press, 2003)

--National Latino Literary Awards: Best Bilingual Children's Book 2003

*Uncle Chente's Picnic* (Arte Publico Press, 2001)

--2001 "Reading with Energy" Hispanic Children's Award El Paso Energy Corporation.

--2002 Best Bilingual Children's Book National Latino Literary Hall of Fame.

*Trino's Time* (Arte Publico Press, 2001)

--Winner Best Young Adult Book (English) for National Latino Literary Hall of Fame 2002.

-- 2002 Tomas Rivera Book Award for Mexican-American Children's Literature Finalist

--2002 Young Adult Book Award finalist Texas Institute of Letters

--Finalist Texas Writers League Teddy Award 2002

*Trino's Choice* (Arte Publico Press, 1999)

--Winner Book of the Year 1999 *ForeWord Magazine* for Young Adult Literature

--Winner Best Young Adult Book (English) for National Latino Literary Hall of Fame 2000

--Winner of Austin Writer's League for *Teddy Award* 2000.

--Finalist for 2000 Tomas Rivera Book Award for Mexican-American Children's Literature.

--Texas Library Association 2000-2001 Lone Star Reading List.

*Family, Familia* (Arte Publico Press, 1999)

--Best Children's Book (Bilingual) for National Latino Literary Hall of Fame 2000.

*Lessons of the Game* (Arte Publico Press, 1998)

--2000 New York Public Library Books for Teen Age List.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

2014

"Poetry in Motion" San Antonio Poets Association San Antonio, TX

"Challenges and Opportunities for Women's Leadership" (panel) Texas State Teachers Association/National Education Association Conference San Antonio, TX

"Latino Bookfest" (panel) Texas Library Association Conference San Antonio, TX

"Building a Literacy Community in the Classroom" Alamo Reading Council San Antonio, TX

"Secret Ingredients for Successful Writing Classrooms" Alamo Reading Council San Antonio, TX

2013

"Latino Children's Literature" St. Edwards University Austin, TX

"Engaged Reading/Cultural Rewards: Mexican-American Literature /Texas Authors"  
International Reading Association Conference San Antonio, TX

“Writing Picture Book Manuscripts: Story and Structure” Gemini Ink Workshop  
San Antonio, TX

2012

“Stars in their own stories” San Antonio Education for the Young Child National  
Conference San Antonio, Texas

“Censorship and Silence” Fall 2012 President’s Peace Commission St. Mary’s  
University

2011

“You Are What You Write” Three Hour Writing Workshop and Lecture Presentation for Educators  
Education Service Center Region XV San Angelo, Texas

“Books, Reading, and Early Childhood Education” American Federation of Teachers  
Literacy and Community Outreach Conference San Antonio, TX

“Writing Between the Lines” Lecture and Writing Workshop Presentation  
Central Texas Writing Project Texas State University San Marcos, Texas

“Plotting a Novel” Society of Children’s Book Writers Annual Conference  
University of Incarnate Word San Antonio, TX

“Writing for Texas Children and Teens”  
Region 20 Service Center San Antonio, Texas

2010

“Working with Writing Journals in the Classroom”  
San Antonio Writing Project Annual Conference UTSA downtown campus

Latino Children’s Wellness Summit University of Houston Houston, TX

Randolph Summer Institute(San Antonio Writing Project) Randolph AFB  
San Antonio, TX

“Writing for Latino Families” Literacy Social Dubuis Conference Center  
Houston, Tx

2009

“Creating Scenes to Develop Fiction Stories”  
Young Author’s Conference Edgewood ISD San Antonio, TX

“The F Factors to Success” Leadership Development Retreat  
University of Houston Center for Mexican-American Studies San Antonio, TX

“*Platicas*: Latino Authors Talk about Publishing” Barnes and Noble Bookstore  
San Antonio, TX

2008

“Against the Ropes: A Conversation with Latino Authors about Books for Reluctant Adolescent Readers” (2) “The Realities of Culture”  
(3) “Conversation on Early Childhood Books with Latino Authors”  
National Council Teachers of English Conference San Antonio, Texas

Conversation on Bilingual Literature with Texas Latina Authors  
REFORMA Conference (American Library Association) El Paso, Texas

2006

“First to Read, First to Succeed” Texas State Reading Association Conference  
Houston, Texas

2005

“Learning Kidspeak: Writing Fiction for Young Readers” Gemini Ink San Antonio, TX  
“Texas Latino Voices” Austin Public Library Program Austin, Texas  
“Best Practices for Youth with Special Needs” American Library Association Conference  
Chicago, Illinois  
“Children’s Literature and Latina Imagination” Latina Letters Conference  
St. Mary’s University

“*Pan Dulce* for the Writer’s Soul” Latina Letters Conference St. Mary’s University

“Engaging Students in Literature” Alamo Reading Council San Antonio, Texas

2004

“Young Adult Literature in Today’s Classrooms” University of Texas at San Antonio  
San Antonio, Texas

“An Author’s View of Literature for Latino Readers” Society of School Librarians International  
Conference San Antonio, Texas

2003

“Que Dulce: Latinas Read” Texas Library Association Conferences Houston, Texas

“Trino’s Tree: Roots and Wings” San Antonio College Multicultural Conference  
San Antonio, Texas

“Language Matters: Get Inside the Words” Texas Association for the Improvement of Reading State  
Conference University of North Texas Denton, Texas

2002

“The Diversity of the Hispanic Experience” Southwest Chapter Society of Children’s Book Writers  
and Illustrators Conference San Antonio, Texas

“Latina Creativity and Romance” Latina Letters Annual Conference St. Mary’s University

“Mexican-American Literature: Identity and Hope” National Council of teachers of English Annual Conference Atlanta, GA

2001

“Trino’s Barrio: Reaching Latino Youth” Texas Librarians Association State Conference San Antonio, Texas

“Writing for Young Readers” Latina Letters Conference St. Mary’s University

2000

“Embrace the Book, Know the Child” Intercultural Development Research Association Conference San Antonio, Texas

“I’ve Learned to Listen…” South Texas Writing Project Fall Conference Laredo, Texas

1999

“The Making of a Latina Romance” “Teaching Ritual Through Children’s Literature” National Association of Chicano Studies Conference San Antonio, Texas

“Yo Quiero Books, Miz Bertrand” Young Adult Authors Conference San Houston State University Huntsville, Texas

“Voces Latinas: US Hispanic Literature” National Council Teachers of English National Convention Denver, CO

1998

“Creating Heroes and Heroines through Children’s Literature” President’s Peace Commission Program St. Mary’s University

1997

“Cultural Myth and Reality in Children’s Literature” San Antonio College Book Fair

“*Completando la imagen*/Finish the Image: Latina Children’s Literature Hijas Del Quinto Sol Studies in Latina Identity and Literature St. Mary’s University

1996

“Building Communications with Readers and Writers” Houston Metro Council of Teachers of English Houston, Texas

“Teaching Community: Ritual in Children’s Books” Multicultural Voices in Literature Confernce San Antonio College San Antonio, Texas

“The Role of Literature, Poetry, and *Cuentos* in Developing a Strong Culture for our Children” National Summit for Latino Children San Antonio, Texas

**PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

1980-2013 National Council Teachers of English,  
1995-2013 National Society of Children's Book Writers & Illustrators,  
1998-2013 Southwest Chapter Society of Children's Book Writers & Illustrators  
2000-2013 Texas Council of Creative Writing Teachers  
1995-2013 Texas Writers League.