



YUYI MORALES

CABE 2021 ARTIST

CABE is proud to welcome Yuyi Morales as the CABE 2021 Artist. Yuyi's beautifully authored and illustrated books have filled bookshelves and libraries throughout the world and bring a sense of connection and joy when held in the hands of children and educators. She has received many literary and illustration awards for her work and is the first Latina to receive the prestigious Caldecott Award.

In 1994, Yuyi Morales left her home in Xalapa, Mexico and came to the U.S. with her infant son. She left behind nearly everything she owned, but she didn't come empty-handed.

She brought her strength, her work, her passion, her hopes and dreams. . . and her stories. Caldecott Honor artist and six-time Pura Belpré winner Yuyi Morales's most recent picture book *Dreamers* is about making a home in a new place. Yuyi and her son Kelly's passage was not easy, and Yuyi spoke no English whatsoever at the time. But together, they found an unexpected, unbelievable place: the public library. There, book by book, they untangled the language of this strange new land, and learned to make their home within it.

Dreamers is a celebration of what immigrant families bring with them when they leave their homes. It's a story about family. And it's a story to remind us that we are all dreamers, bringing our own gifts wherever we roam. Beautiful and powerful at any time but given particular urgency as the status of our own *Dreamers* becomes uncertain, this is a story that is both topical and timeless.

Other books that have been authored and illustrated by Yuyi include. *Just a Minute: A Trickster Tale* and *Counting Book*, *Little Night*, *Niño Wrestles the World*, and *Viva Frida*.

CABE is proud to welcome Yuyi Morales to CABE 2021. Learn more about Yuyi and her beautiful work at <http://www.yuyimorales.com>.