

Keynote Speaker

Juana Martinez-Neal



Juana Martinez-Neal is the recipient of the 2019 Caldecott Honor for *Alma and How She Got Her Name* (Candlewick Press), her debut picture book as author-illustrator. She is also the recipient of the 2020 Robert F. Sibert Medal for *Fry Bread: A Native American Story* (Roaring Brook) and the 2018 Pura Belpré Medal for Illustration for *La Princesa and the Pea* (Putnam). Juana is the illustrator of *La Madre Goose* (written by Susan M. Elya, Putnam/Penguin 2016), *Babymoon* (written by Hayley Barrett, Candlewick 2019) and *Swashby and the Sea* (written by Beth Ferry, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt 2020).

Juana was named to the International Board on Books for Young People (IBBY) honor list in 2014, and was awarded the SCBWI Portfolio Showcase Grand Prize in 2012. She was born in Lima, the capital of Peru, and now lives in Connecticut, with her husband, three children and two dogs. <https://juanamartinezneal.com/>