

## Dear Reader,

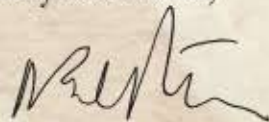
I am delighted to introduce you to *Dreamers*, an extraordinary new book by five-time Pura Belpré Award winner and Caldecott Honor recipient Yuyi Morales. I've been privileged to work with Yuyi on five previous books. Each has been a memorable experience for me as an editor and, I suspect, for readers everywhere. Working with Yuyi is a particular treat because one never knows what to expect from the riotous alphabet acrobatics of *Just in Case* to the intrepid lucha wrestler in underpants in *Niño Wrestles the World* to the sublime, meticulously composed dimensional images of *Viva Frida*.

*Dreamers* is a book that was 24 years in the making and yet is utterly of this moment. Over those years Yuyi has spoken many times, and very movingly, about immigrating to this country from her home in Xalapa, Mexico, in 1994 with a two-month-old son in tow and very little English at her command. About her sense of dislocation, missing things that felt familiar, and her fear that she would never find a place where she felt valued again. And about how repeated visits with her young son to the libraries around San Francisco and her introduction to the world of picture books gave her that sense of place and purpose, and ignited in her a passion that would lead, in time, to her becoming one of our most gifted, and most valued, picture book creators.


Here, then, is that story, told as only Yuyi could tell it, and brilliantly illustrated with images drawn from her life—including her own childhood drawings and those of her son, metalwork, embroidery, her first handmade book, and more. *Dreamers*, I believe, is a book for all ages, and for the ages, as I write this, it is also an immensely powerful statement about the incalculable gifts that immigrants bring with them, as well as what they leave behind when they enter into a new culture.

This sampler contains only a handful of pages from the book, as well as a detachable print suitable for framing; I hope they will touch your heart as they have mine. *Dreamers* will be published on September 4, 2018—in English and simultaneously in Spanish as *Soñadores*—as the first book of my new imprint at Holiday House.

Very best wishes,



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Vice President and Publisher

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