



Drawn from the author's childhood in Mexico and California, *Poems to Dream Together/Poemas para Soñar Juntos*, explores the colorful universe of a young boy who dreams of a better life and world for his farmworker family.

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# September 2009

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6	Labor Day 7	International Literacy Day 8	9	10	11	12
	13	Hispanic Heritage Month begins 14	15	16	Rosh Hashanah (begins at sundown) 17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	National Book Festival Banned Books Week begins 25
Yom Kippur (begins at sundown) 26	27	28	29			
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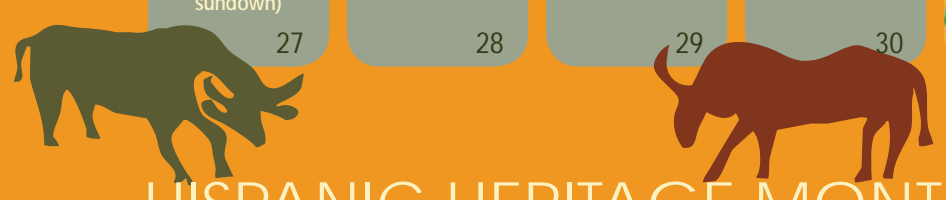
**Tip of the Month**  
Celebrate Latino authors and illustrators this month. Reforma offers resources, bilingual storytime plans, Latino young adult booklists and more. Go to [www.reforma.org/CYASC](http://www.reforma.org/CYASC).

**Link of the Month**  
Looking for the most effective ways to build students' reading skills? Readingrocks.org/strategies offers classroom examples, downloadable templates, webcasts, and supporting research.

**Activity of the Month**  
Join the Library of Congress, National Children's Book and Literacy Alliance (NCBLA), and a cast of award winning authors and illustrators for *The Exquisite Corpse*, a storytelling journey exclusively on [www.read.gov](http://www.read.gov). The Web site promotes reading and literacy and includes links to a companion educational center at [www.thencbla.org](http://www.thencbla.org) with resources for teachers, parents, and students.

- SEPTEMBER LITERACY DATES**
- ▶ September 8 International Literacy Day [www.reading.org/](http://www.reading.org/)
  - ▶ September 26 National Book Festival [www.loc.gov/bookfest](http://www.loc.gov/bookfest)
  - ▶ September 26–October 3 Banned Books Week [www.bannedbooks.org](http://www.bannedbooks.org)

[www.nea.org/readacross](http://www.nea.org/readacross)



## HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH



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