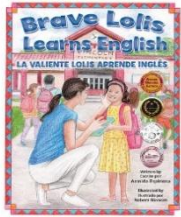


International and National Latino Bilingual Book Award recipient

Author and Speaker: Armida Espinoza

Armida Espinoza is a first-generation Mexican American retired bilingual teacher with 20 years of experience in education. Her books are inspired by her life and the experiences of children and language learners, sharing stories of courage, hope, friendship, resilience, and the powerful connections that bring families, schools, and communities together.

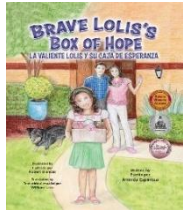
Featured Books



Brave Lolis Learns English / La valiente Lolis aprende inglés

On Lolis's first day of school, she hopes to play games and make new friends, but instead she feels overwhelmed. To pass first grade, Lolis needs to learn English, and as a second-language learner, she feels alone and unsure. With courage and support, she begins to face the challenge before her and discovers that the impossible may not be as unreachable as it seems.

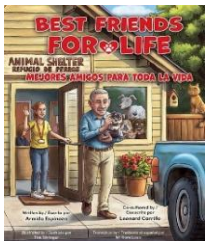
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Brave Lolis's Box of Hope / La valiente Lolis y su caja de esperanza

While watching the evening news with her parents, Lolis is moved by the destruction caused by a hurricane in Puerto Rico. She sees homes, trees, and cars damaged, as well as children needing comfort from their families. At first, Lolis feels helpless. But one bag of grain and a determined spirit inspire her to act and ask, "What can I do to help?"

ISBN: 978-1-77944-011-2 Softcover ISBN: 978-1-77944-012-9 Hardcover



Best Friends Forever / Mejores amigos para toda la vida

The story centers on George and his clever dog, Sol, whose days are filled with tricks, treats, and companionship. When a fire threatens their home, Sol's loyalty and courage shine through. Warm and uplifting, Best Friends Forever is a meaningful story for families who cherish books about friendship, resilience, and the bond between people and pets.

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Testimonials: "Brave Lolis Learns English" is a powerful story. It provides a warm-hearted model of how the relationship between a mother and daughter helps Lolis gain self-confidence. Lolis learns to think positively and face challenges. Every scene is real. Lolis comes alive through her art and voice. Every scene is beautifully illustrated by Robert Blancas. We learn with Lolis, too! Every bilingual student, family, and teacher will treasure this book. Armida Espinoza has given us this treasure. I am waiting for the "Lolis Series." - **Juan Felipe Herrera, Author, 21st U.S. Poet Laureate 2015-17, Poet Laureate of California 2012-2015**

Edwin's teacher shared: "With tears in his eyes, Edwin said, 'Lolis is just like me.'" - **Hector Ramos (Teacher), Edwin Miguel (Student), Age 7**

Available for educator and parent presentations, as well as school site visits, in English or Spanish. Currently working with the Fresno County Office of Education, Fresno Unified School District, and others. See the back for optional program descriptions. Invite Armida to share her journey at (559)287-7238, armiespinoza@gmail.com, or www.armidaespinoza.com.

Three Literacy Experiences to Build Confidence, Connection and Community

Give your school a flexible way to build confidence, deepen family engagement, and bring literacy to life through meaningful, hands-on experiences for students and their families.

✦ Option 1: From “I Can’t” to “I Can”

Staff Development + Featured Student Assemblies + English Language Advisory Committee (ELAC) workshop

This Social and Emotional Learning (SEL)-focused staff in-service equips educators with practical strategies to support students facing shame, embarrassment, and negative self-talk. Through Brave Lolis Learns English, staff explores ways to build confidence, encourage reflection, and create a more compassionate classroom environment before the experience extends to classrooms and student assemblies through art, discussion, and connection.

- Includes: SEL-focused staff in-service, read-aloud, lesson plans, parent workshop, student assemblies, Lolis reveal, Robert Blancas’ (illustrator) artwork showcase, and superhero drawing activity.

♥ Option 2: Brave Readers, Brave Voices

A Family Literacy Experience

Families connect through reading, storytelling, and encouragement during a condensed read-aloud of Brave Lolis Learns English. Through Lolis’s journey and my personal story, parents and caregivers learn simple ways to talk with children about confidence, mistakes, asking for help, and positive self-talk.

- Includes: family read-aloud, personal story, parent takeaways, confidence-building conversation, Robert Blancas’ artwork (illustrator), and family drawing activity.

☀ Option 3: Hope, Friendship, and Giving Back

A Schoolwide Family Service Project

Inspired by Brave Lolis’s Box of Hope and Best Friends Forever, this schoolwide project turns literacy into action through kindness, service, and community connection. A brief launch presentation introduces the books, links their themes to service, and invites families to participate by contributing boxes of hope, encouraging notes, collections, or support for a school or community cause.

- Includes: a short launch presentation, book connection, boxes of hope, encouraging notes, family service activities, and community support.

**Ready to bring one experience—or all three—to your students, families,
and school community?**

**Let’s choose the option that best supports your students, engages your families,
and advances your school’s goals.**

