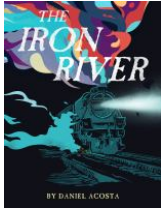
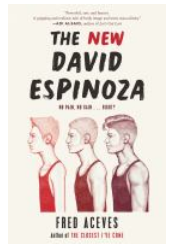


# YA Fiction by Latino Authors

Young adult novels by Hispanic authors in a wide variety of genres.

## ***The New David Espinoza* by Fred Aceves | [YAACE](#)**

Obsessed with the idea that he is not muscular enough and tired of being bullied, David, age seventeen, begins using steroids, endangering his relationships with family and friends.

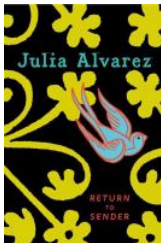


## ***Iron River* by Daniel Acosta | [YAACO](#)**

When twelve-year-old Manny Maldonado and his friends find a hobo's body near the train tracks that run through their tight-knit San Gabriel valley community, a police officer tries to pin the murder on them.

## ***We Didn't Ask for This* by Adi Alsaid | [YAALS](#)**

When teen activist Marisa stages an environmental protest during her school's annual Lock-In, the building turns into a prison, forcing her and a diverse array of characters to face hard truths about who they want to be and what kind of world they want to live in. (from *Booklist Online*)

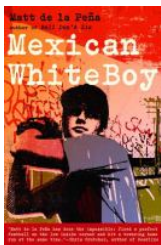
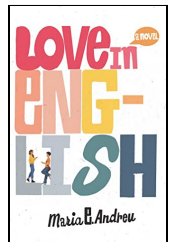


## ***Return to Sender* by Julia Alvarez | [YAALV](#)**

After his family hires migrant Mexican workers to help save their Vermont farm from foreclosure, eleven-year-old Tyler befriends the oldest daughter, but when he discovers they may not be in the country legally, he realizes that real friendship knows no borders.

## ***Love in English* by Maria E. Andreu | [YAAND](#)**

Sixteen-year-old Ana is a poet and a lover of language. Except that since she moved to New Jersey from Argentina, she can barely find the words to express how she feels.



## ***Mexican Whiteboy* by Matt de la Pena | [YADEL](#)**

Sixteen-year-old Danny searches for his identity amidst the confusion of being half-Mexican and half-white while spending a summer with his cousin and new friends on the baseball fields and back alleys of San Diego County, California.

## ***Don't Ask Me Where I'm From* by Jennifer De Leon | [YADEL](#)**

Liliana Cruz does what it takes to fit in at her new nearly all-white school, but when family secrets come out and racism at school gets worse than ever, she must decide what she believes in and take a stand.



## ***American Road Trip* by Patrick Flores-Scott | [YAFLO](#)**

Brothers Teodoro and Manny Avila take a road trip to address Manny's PTSD following his tour in Iraq, and to help T. change his life and win the heart of Wendy Martinez. Includes information and resources about PTSD.

## ***Lobizona* by Romina Garber | [YAGAR](#)**

When her mother is arrested by ICE, sixteen-year-old Argentinian Manu—who thinks she is hiding in a Miami apartment because she is an undocumented immigrant—discovers that her entire existence is illegal.



## ***Once Upon a Quinceañera* by Monica Gomez-Hira | [YAGOM](#)**

Eighteen-year-old Carmen takes on a summer internship that has her reuniting with estranged family for an over-the-top quinceañera, reluctantly reconnecting to a long-lost ex-boyfriend, and finding happiness in the chaos.

***Somewhere Between Bitter and Sweet* by Laekan Zea Kemp | [YA KEM](#)**

Set in a close-knit community in Austin, Tex., debut author Kemp's exquisite YA contemporary romance follows two Latinx teens after their lives intersect at a beloved neighborhood restaurant. (from *Publishers Weekly*)



***Fat Chance, Charlie Vega* by Crystal Maldonado | [YA MA](#)**

Self-described fat sixteen-year-old Charlie yearned for her first kiss while her perfect best friend, Amelia, fell in love, so when she finally starts dating and learns the boy asked Amelia out first, she is devastated.

***All the Stars Denied* by Guadalupe Garcia McCall | [YA MCC](#)**

When resentment surges during the Great Depression in a Texas border town, Estrella, fifteen, organizes a protest against the treatment of tejanos and soon finds herself with her mother and baby brother in Mexico.



***Burn Baby Burn* by Meg Medina | [YA MED](#)**

During the summer of 1977 when New York City is besieged by arson, a massive blackout, and a serial killer named Son of Sam, seventeen-year-old Nora must also face her family's financial woes, her father's absence, and her brother's growing violence.

***Barely Missing Everything* by Matt Méndez | [YA MEN](#)**

Three Mexican-Americans--Juan, JD, and Fabi--each try to overcome their individual struggles as they all grapple with how to make a better life for themselves when it seems like brown lives don't matter.

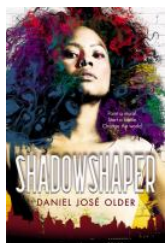


***Furia* by Yamile Saied Méndez | [YA MEN](#)**

Seventeen-year-old Camila Hassan, a rising soccer star in Rosario, Argentina, dreams of playing professionally, in defiance of her fathers' wishes and at the risk of her budding romance with Diego.

***Sanctuary* by Paola Mendoza | [YA MEN](#)**

In 2032, when sixteen-year-old Vali's mother is detained by the Deportation Forces, Vali must flee Vermont with her little brother, Ernie, hoping to reach their Tía Luna in the sanctuary state of California.

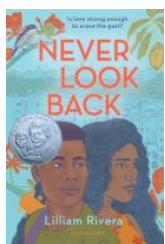


***Shadowshaper* by Daniel José Older | [YA OLD](#)**

When the murals painted on the walls of her Brooklyn neighborhood start to change and fade in front of her, Sierra Santiago realizes that something strange is going on--then she discovers her Puerto Rican family are shadowshapers and finds herself in a battle with an evil anthropologist for the lives of her family and friends.

***Blazewrath Games* by Amparo Ortiz | [YA ORT](#)**

There is nothing quite like Blazewrath because no other sport is played on the backs of dragons. Seventeen-year-old Floridian Lana Torres has one dream in life: to become the Runner for Team Puerto Rico in the Blazewrath Games. (from *Kirkus*)



***Never Look Back* by Lilliam Rivera | [YA RIV](#)**

A modern retelling of the myth, Orpheus and Eurydice, in which Eury leaves Puerto Rico for the Bronx, haunted by losing all to Hurricane Maria and by evil spirit Ato, and meets a bachata-singing charmer, Pheus.

***Accidental Love* by Gary Soto | [YA SOT](#)**

After unexpectedly falling in love with a "nerdy" boy, fourteen-year-old Marisa works to change her life by transferring to another school, altering some of her behavior, and losing weight.



***Marcelo in the Real World* by Francisco X. Stork | [YA STO](#)**

Marcelo Sandoval, a seventeen-year-old boy on the high-functioning end of the autistic spectrum, faces new challenges, including romance and injustice, when he goes to work for his father in the mailroom of a corporate law firm.

***Running* by Natalia Sylvester | [YA SYL](#)**

When fifteen-year-old Cuban American Mariana Ruiz's father runs for president, Mari starts to see him with new eyes. A novel about waking up and standing up, and what happens when you stop seeing your dad as your hero - while the whole country is watching.



*Unless otherwise noted, all plot descriptions are from our online catalog.*