

Latina Veteran Publisher Releases Second Bilingual Aviation Children's Book

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San Francisco, CA – Independent educational publishing firm Gracefully Global Group announces the national release of a unique contribution to children's literature and the #WeNeedDiverseBooks movement. Inspired by the military aviation service of a Mexican-American officer, *Captain Mama's Surprise/ La Sorpresa de Capitán Mamá* (ISBN: 978-0-9973090-0-3) by Air Force veteran Graciela Tiscareño-Sato, is orderable today through all wholesale and distribution channels. The title was just named a finalist in the "Most Inspirational Children's Picture Book" category for the upcoming 2016 International Latino Book Awards (September 8th at Cal State – Dominguez Hills.)

"The author and veteran has crafted a story that blends military aviation, engineering, and career opportunities while on a classroom field trip...Captain Mama inspires students of different ethnicities, both genders and English language learners to pursue careers in aviation," said Karla Orosco, Science Teacher at the elementary school at Naval Air Station Lemoore in California.

In the series debut, the main character, a young boy named Marco, learns why his mother wears a military flight suit with embroidered patches to work. In this second book in the series, Little Marco is leading his second-grade class on a field trip to the jet where his Captain Mama works. We meet his classmates, his sisters and the team that operates the flying gas station (the KC-135R refueling jet.) The story takes readers through fascinating parts of the plane and they learn basic aviation vocabulary, in English and Spanish. A glossary and a *glosario* of new vocabulary are included in the book. This literature is perfect supplemental reading for K-3rd grade –level curriculum related to Hispanic Heritage Month, Veterans Day and Women's History Month. Interior illustrations and cover art available [here](#).

Ms. Tiscareño-Sato served in the Air Force as a navigator and instructor on the KC-135 and earned an Air Medal for combat missions over Iraq in 1992. Teaching children about airplanes, in her first language of Spanish and in English, has been a long-time personal mission for the author, a popular keynote speaker at both teacher conferences and events for veterans.

"Much of what's published today for children in English and Spanish is limited to themes of food, animals, old-country stories or historical figures, most of them dead," said Ms. Tiscareño-Sato. "This unique book series instead aims to expand young minds to explore technical careers, spark conversations around gender equity and create globally-curious citizens, in two languages. I've been actively role modeling for over two decades; now through literature and bilingual presentations at schools, libraries and conferences, I'm grateful to be reaching many more children with my unusual daughter-of-immigrants-turned-aviator story. I'm focused on raising educational expectations and to inspiring students to pursue gratifying careers via higher education." [See awards won by the author (including a White House honor) and the Captain Mama series debut [here](#).]

For libraries and for consumers who prefer hardcover books over paperbacks, the publisher is making both Captain Mama books available today in hardcover format as well. *Captain Mama's Surprise/ La Sorpresa de Capitán Mamá* (ISBN hardcover: 978-0-9973090-3-4) and *Good Night Captain Mama/Buenas Noches Capitán Mamá* (ISBN hardcover: 978-0-9973090-4-1) are both available via wholesaler Ingram and distributors.

See author's military biography [here](#). Photos of author reading to elementary school children are [here](#). Author video introducing both titles [here](#). Video of author reading the first title in Spanish is [here](#). Author-signed books with patches are available only from the publisher [here](#). Photos of discounted Teacher Packs (bundled books and patches) are [here](#).

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