

CONVERSATION STARTERS

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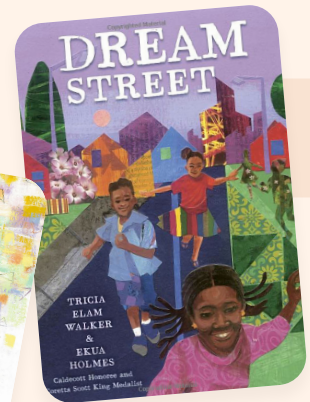
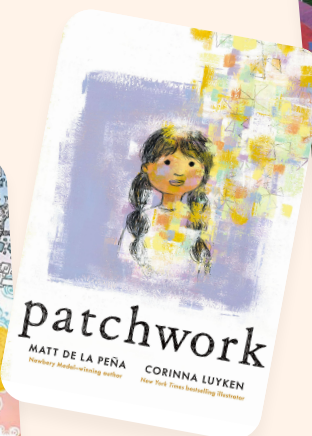
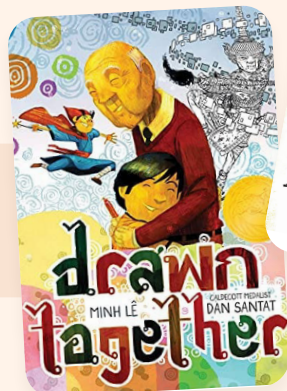
A Matt de la Peña Reading Challenge

Award-winning author Matt de la Peña has grown to truly love picture books. Some are just fun and silly, but some, he notes, can lead to complex and important conversations. Here is a list of books curated by Matt that he thinks can lead to rich and diverse conversations with even our youngest readers.



Book Recommendations

- "Each Kindness" by Jacqueline Woodson, illustrated by E.B. Lewis
- "Drawn Together" by Minh Le, illustrated by Dan Santat
- "Watercress" by Andrea Wang, illustrated by Jason Chin
- "My Papi has a Motorcycle" by Isabel Quintero, illustrated by Zeke Peña
- "A Different Pond" by Bao Phi, illustrated by Thi Bui
- "Dream Street" by Tricia Elam Walker, illustrated by Ekua Holmes
- "Patchwork" by Matt de la Peña, illustrated by Corinna Luyken



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Reading Log

Color in a speech bubble for every 30 minutes that you read.



30m



60m



90m



120m



150m



180m



210m



240m



270m



300m



Matt de la Peña was a guest on the Beanstack podcast, The Reading Culture, where he shared about this challenge and about his journey to becoming a writer.

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