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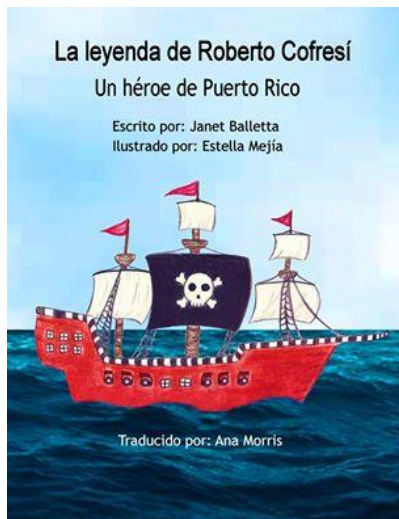
WELCOME!

Welcome to Wonder News! I'm glad to share what I think and do with you! People are welcome to contact me to give me feedback and ideas, and to request to be added to my email list. I will add no one without a request. Feel free to message me through my website.



International Latino Book Awards 2017
Best Children's Picture Book Translation - English to Spanish

1st Place: La leyenda de Roberto Cofresí, Janet Balletta, Translated by Ana Morris; WRB Publishing; USA of Colombian & PR descent; Miami



DELAY

I know you have not heard from me in a long while. I was concentrating my efforts this summer on a mission that is personal to me. Year around I crochet scarves. I decided last year to donate them to the homeless. This year I decided to go one step further. I go to yard sales during the warm weather season in Iowa and purchase items like stocking caps, scarves, gloves, mittens, hats, socks, and I've found many yard sale owners will donate items if they know where they are going. It's amazing. I have quite a collection now that will be headed to Primary Health Care of Iowa soon. They deal with the camping community in Des Moines, where the winters can get brutal. Here is the collection I made/gathered to be donated soon:





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And the yarn that I either gathered or was donated to me for the making of scarves. I feel the love of those who have donated and discounted items to help those in need.



PERSONAL READING

I also spent some time reading for myself. I read Ken Follett's **Pillars of the Earth** and **World without End**. Not a month later, the miniseries was on television again! Of course, I watched the 2 miniseries, as they had impressed me years ago. Of course, after reading the books, the movies were less appealing than the first time I saw them, but they did depict an era in British history that is of particular interest to me. I'm always learning!

In addition, I read **The Green Mile** by Steven King. I have seen that on the movie channel 100 times. It's brilliant and somewhat spiritual. I had long avoided reading Steven King, as I am not one that reads horror books, but I was amazed at his amazing use of words to conjure images.

Proofing

I challenged myself to proof a novel for an author friend and appreciate the attention to detail that it was training me for my own work. Always learning!

My Work in Progress #1

The first is a book I wrote years ago about my niece who was three at the time. It is my first attempt at a toddler book. It is interesting to write another picture book, but to simplify the story even more and to use fewer words.

The result is that I have enough space to fit both the English version and the Spanish in the same book. That is another first for me.

I've had positive feedback so far, and the book in both languages has been submitted to and edited by my publisher, Mascot Books. Illustration tastes have been selected, and illustration notes have been submitted, along with my dedication and bio. I'm adding a list of my previous books to this and including some quotes from reviewers and award-winning children's authors for extra flavor.

The story will be effectively a bedtime story.

True to my style, the characters in this book will feature another ethnic group not yet seen in one of my books. The characters will be Eastern Asian.



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My niece Amy, two years after the book was written:



Work in Progress #2

The long awaited story about my granddaughters is finally coming to fruition! This story has been written, rewritten, and again written. I have tried combining stories, and I was happy with nothing. Meanwhile, my granddaughters are secretly anxious to see what I am going to do. AHA!!!!

In the class I taught last spring, I had a fantastic, professional illustrator in class. She works for Random House, and I am going to meet with her after the New Year to see if I can afford her work. She works with the author to enhance and complete the author's vision! What a joy!

At any rate, I have completed the final version. And I have done it in rhyme! Another first for me. More to come on these projects.

Where Are My Books?

My books are available in several locations locally as well as online.

My website will get you a signed book:

www.authorannmorris.com

Facebook Author page:

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