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MEG MEDINA is an award-winning Cuban American author who writes picture books, middle grade, and YA fiction.

Her most recent young adult novel, *Burn Baby Burn*, has earned numerous distinctions including being long listed for the 2016 National Book Award and shortlisted for the Kirkus Prize. She is the 2016 recipient of the Pura Belpré honor medal for her picture book, *Mango, Abuela and Me*, and the 2014 Pura Belpré Award winner for her young adult novel, *Yaqui Delgado Wants to Kick Your Ass*,

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Saturday, October 20, 2018

George Mason University Science and Technology Campus
Manassas, VA

Featuring Meg Medina

Cuban American author

Schedule

8:30–9 AM ● Check-in, Coffee, and Vendors

9 AM ● Welcome and Opening Remarks

9:10–10:30 AM ● Meg Medina

10:30–10:45 AM ● Break and Vendors

10:45 AM – 12 PM ● Meg Medina

12–1 PM ● Lunch

1–3 PM ● Break Out Sessions

3:30 PM ● Awards and Closing Remarks with Meg Medina

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which was also the winner of the 2013 CYBILS Fiction award and the International Latino Book Award. Meg also earned the 2012 Ezra Jack Keats New Writers medal for her picture book *Tía Isa Wants a Car*.

Meg's other books are *The Girl Who Could Silence the Wind*, a 2012 Bank Street Best Book and CBI Recommended Read in the UK; and *Milagros: Girl from Away*.

Meg's work examines how cultures intersect, as seen through the eyes of young people. She brings to audiences stories that speak to both what is unique in Latino culture and to the qualities that are universal. Her favorite protagonists are strong girls.

In March 2014, she was recognized as one of the CNN 10 Visionary Women in America. In November 2014, she was named one of Latino Stories Top Ten Latino Authors to Watch. In 2017, she was named, along with Gigi Amateau, to the Southerners of the Year list by *Southern Living Magazine*.

When she is not writing, Meg works on community projects that support girls, Latino youth and/or literacy. She lives with her family in Richmond, Virginia.

To hear Meg on NPR's Virginia Currents visit ideastations.org/radio/news/strong-latinas-real-experiences-inspire-work-virginia-author. ■

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