Latin American-Themed Children’s and Young Adult Literature

Many of the sites listed have books in English, Spanish or are bilingual. Even for those books that are only in English, they are titles that Spanish instructors could recommend to English Language Arts (ELA) and English Language Learners (ELL) teachers to possibly connect Hispanic culture themes outside of the language classroom. Ideally this could build collaborations between ELA and WL to develop interdisciplinary projects. Connections with Colleges of Education literature and literacy programs are another way to build bridges with WL curriculum.

Consortium of Latin American Studies Programs (CLASP) - Americas Awards Program
http://claspprograms.org/pages/detail/62/Teaching-Resources
CLASP supports K-12 and post-secondary professional development and encourages excellence in teaching and program development. CLASP provides a collection of books by themes that are in English and bilingual, with some books including lesson plan units.

Pura Belpré Book Award Page
http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia/belpremedal
The Pura Belpré Award, established in 1996, is presented annually to a Latino/Latina writer and illustrator whose work best portrays, affirms, and celebrates the Latino cultural experience in an outstanding work of literature for children and youth.
No Spanglish home is complete without a stash of bilingual books for kids in Spanish and English. Spanish Mama has a separate post of authentic children’s books in Spanish, with a focus on Latino culture. Spanish Mama provides a list which includes books originally written in English or translated from a third language.

Scholastic Reads

The classic Scholastic Book company offers 11 dual language board books and picture books, which are a great way to get started on making it easier for families to enjoy reading aloud together and strengthening second-language acquisition through the introduction of new words and sounds.
Buzzfeed offers a colorful and vibrant list of 26 bilingual kids books “that'll have everyone speaking en Español.”

¡Colorín colorado! 

Colorín-Colorado: Colorín-Colorado offers materials targeted for ELL and/or bilingual classroom educators, but with some innovative and creative thinking behind them. There are materials that could be applied to the Spanish classroom.

https://www.colorincolorado.org/booklist/celebrate-reading-two-languages-bilingual-booklist
https://www.colorincolorado.org/es/para-educadores-enseñanza-estudiantes-bilingües
https://www.colorincolorado.org/es/families/criar-niños-bilingües

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goodreads

A list with ratings on the texts. Mostly for elementary/basic level.

https://www.goodreads.com/list/show/124189.Best_Bilingual_Storytime_Books
Common Sense Media
https://www.commonsensemedia.org/lists/bilingual-books-englishspanish
Compiled by the reputable Common Sense Media group, the titles include a summary, a rating, and provides a few questions to ask the young readers. They also compile the books by author should you want to find more books that way or reach out to an author for a classroom talk or activity.

Salsa: Spanish for Children  PBS Sponsored video storytelling and activities
This entails purchasing the SALSA set, but could be a valuable addition to a district FLES program. SALSA blends puppets, animation, live action and music to create a unique experience for first-time learners of Spanish language and culture.
https://florida.pbslearningmedia.org/collection/salsa-spanish-for-children/?gclid=CjwKCAjw7BRA_EiwAF8yHPFjgKyn3kiKoAWCtJSC0k1gvhZtthyj_GxiMr5x2qbB2LMAxFzS5fRoCEKYQAvD_BwE

Authors of Latinx/Latin American Themed Books
Many of these authors are available to speak at conferences, in virtual sessions to individual classrooms or to an entire school. Speaking fees vary by author, but virtual sessions are more reasonable as there are no travel expenses involved and less time committed. Some will negotiate fees if a classroom set of books is purchased.
Meg Medina

*Yaqui Delgado quiere darte una paliza*

Consult the discussion resources for class below:


Susan Hood

*Ada’s Violin* (English, Spanish, French versions)


Margarita Engle


Materials include a bilingual lesson.

The Surrender Tree / El arbol de la rendicion by Margarita Engle


More books by Margarita Engle:

https://www.teachingbooks.net/tb.cgi?aid=6584
Many books by Julia Alvarez in Spanish and English.

https://www.juliaalvarez.com/young-readers/  Devolver al Remitente  Antes de ser libres  En Busca de Milagros  De como tía Lola termino empezando otra vez (including the Tia Lola series)
El único camino / The Only Road
Materials include comprehension questions
Echo and Esperanza Rising  https://www.teachingbooks.net/tb.cgi?aid=310
Below is a Teaching Latin America Through Literacy resource for Ryan’s books:
I held up the mountain above Lake Atitlan. I held up the baby wrap she had made just for me. It was as beautiful and as bright as the flowers, and as soft as a golden seacape.

"Mama," she had asked. "May I wear this?"

I had looked at her hand. "Not a very bright one," she answered. "This cloth is for the market. If it brings a good price, it will help pay for your school and books."

Linda Elovitz Marshall
Rainbow Weaver

Lucia M. Gonzalez

Storyteller's Candle, The / La velita de los cuentos
Senor Cat’s Romance and Other Favorite Stories from Latin America
https://www.teachingbooks.net/tb.cgi?aid=8997

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