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Criticas Magazine selects Lectura Books' *Family Stories* and *Vines of the Earth* as among their choices for 2007 Hispanic Heritage Month.

Los Angeles—The editors of *Criticas* Magazine, a sister publication of *Publishers Weekly* that covers and reviews bilingual and Spanish-language books, selected two Lectura Books' titles as among their top choices for what Americans should be reading during Hispanic Heritage Month.

"In light of Hispanic Heritage Month, which takes place every year from Sept 15 to October 15, we have compiled our top choices for books and videos of the year that best represent and/or celebrate our heritage," the *Criticas*' editors wrote. "This list successfully explore themes relevant to Hispanics living in the United States, is meant to help librarians, booksellers, and educators plan their festivities...The children's fiction illustrates the immigrant experience and the struggle to fit in, it highlights prominent Hispanic literary figures or celebrities, and it teaches children about our traditions, legends, music, and food."

"We are very pleased to have been selected and to be part of this great group of books and videos celebrating, exploring and revealing the rich heritage of Latinos and Hispanics in America," said Katherine Del Monte, publisher of Lectura Books.

In *Family Stories*, Lectura Books asked ten artists to each tell their most memorable story from their childhood and then illustrate the story. The result is a rich treasure trove of story and image. One story is about how a young girl learned to value her culture in what could have been an embarrassing moment but instead became a positive turning point for her. In another story, we hear how one librarian set a young boy with promise on a path to knowledge and gave him a love of books that he still has today. We also learn about a boy who played checkers with his grandfather by a beach in Mexico and how they created an everlasting bond by gathering bottle caps

together. These are stories about love, family, role models and dreams.

Vines of the Earth was inspired by the true stories of farm workers who became winemakers in the Napa Valley region of California, and is about the value of hard work and the satisfaction of dreaming big dreams.

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