2024 Young Readers One Book



Dear third grade teacher,

In partnership with Black Hills Reads and the Statewide Family Engagement Center, the South Dakota Humanities Council has selected a book for the Young Readers One Book program to share with children across the state. The 2024 Young Readers One Book selection is a bindup of the first two books in the award-winning *Juana and Lucas* series – *Juana & Lucas* and *Juana & Lucas: Big Problems* – written and illustrated by Juana Medina.



Please give a copy of the book to each of the third graders in your class. On **September 12**, a video of Juana Medina reading an excerpt from *Juana & Lucas* will be available for you to view at any time. We recommend watching this video with your class, as there are several different literacy activities you can do throughout the video that are led by the author. There is also a surprise announcement at the end of the video that we'd love to share with you. The video's duration is 39 min, and it can be found at https://youtu.be/t2rSxKL1EuA once it goes live.

For supplemental lesson plans to the book, scan the QR code to the right. A Family Activity Guide will also be available at a later date for families to do with their learners at home. Please encourage your learners and their families to try them out!



For more information about the Young Readers One Book Program, visit sdhumanities.org/young-readers and unitedwayblackhills.org/YROB.





