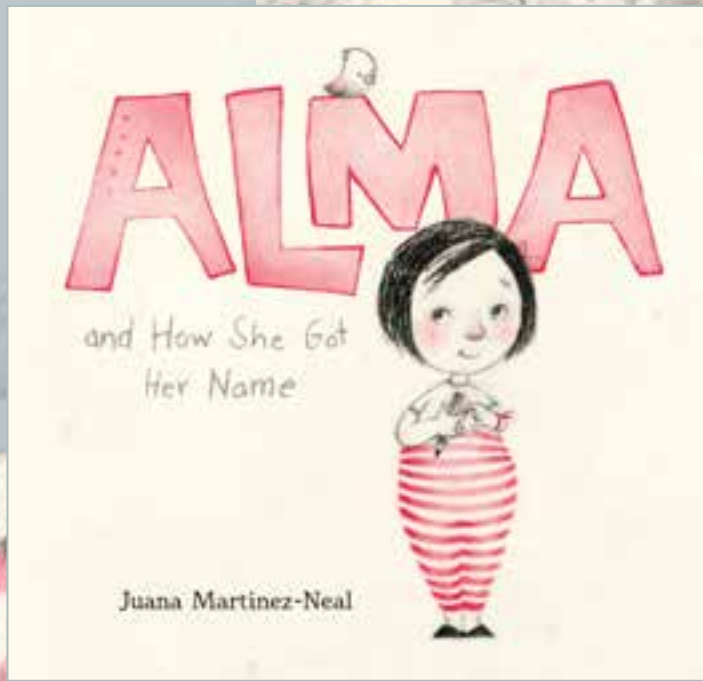


**Alma and How She Got Her Name**

by Juana Martinez-Neal. Also available in a Spanish language edition *Alma y cómo obtuvo su nombre*.

*Alma Sofía Esperanza José Pura Candela thinks that six is way too many names! But as she learns more about how her names connect her to her family, Alma becomes very proud of all her names.*

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In the author's note for this book, Juana Martinez-Neal shares the history of her name and invites readers to share the story behind their own names. Use this opening for discussion to encourage students to learn more about their own name stories—how they came to be named, how they chose a nickname, or another story about their names. Ask students to interview family members to find out details about how and why they were given their names or acquired nicknames. Have students share their name stories with each other to further explore how naming is part of larger cultural traditions and how name-giving practices vary from culture to culture.

**Consider also sharing these name stories:**

- The Name Jar* by Yangsook Choi
- Chrysanthemum* by Kevin Henkes
- My Name is Yoon* by Helen Recorvits
- René Has Two Last Names / René tiene dos apellidos* by René Colato Laínez
- My Name Is Sangoel* by Karen Williams and Khadra Mohammed



**SEPTEMBER 2018**

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		<b>September is:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Hispanic Heritage Month (09/15 – 10/15)</li> <li>• Library Card Sign-Up Month</li> </ul>				1
2	3 Labor Day	4	5	6	7	8 International Literacy Day
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