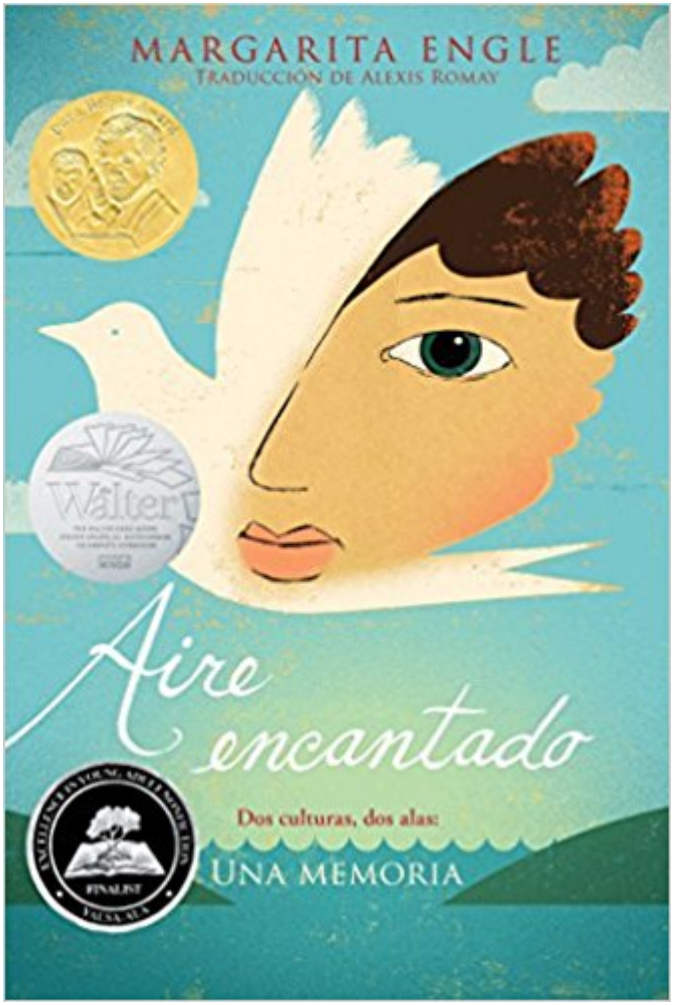
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Margarita Engle is the national Young PeopleÃ¢â ¬â„¢s Poet Laureate, and the first Latino to receive that honor. She is the Cuban-American author of many verse novels, includingÃ Â The Surrender Tree,Ã Â a Newbery Honor winner, andÃ Â The Lightning Dreamer, a PEN Literary Award for Young Adult Literature winner. Her verse memoir,Ã Â Enchanted Air,Ã Â received the Pura BelprÃƒÂ© Award, a Walter Dean Myers Award Honor, and was a finalist for the YALSA Award for Excellence in Nonfiction, among others. Her picture bookÃ Â Drum Dream GirlÃ Â received the Charlotte Zolotow Award. Margarita was born in Los Angeles, but developed a deep attachment to her motherÃ¢â ¬â„¢s homeland during childhood summers with relatives. She continues to visit Cuba as often as she can. Visit her at MargaritaEngle.com.

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