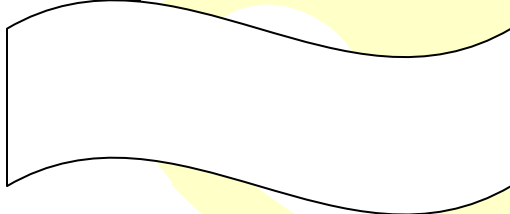
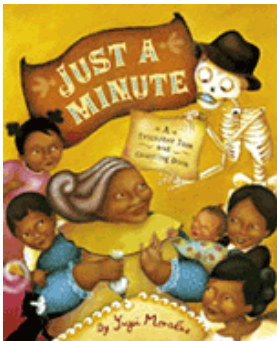


# Special Award Books



Morales, Yuyi. **Just A Minute**. California: Chronicle Books. 2003.



Here is a different little story about a skeleton, Senor Calavera, who comes to visit grandmother and wants her to go with him. Every time, she asks him to wait just a minute while she does different things around the house. The skeleton waits and waits. The counting is going on in English and Spanish as Grandma Beetle keeps working. Read to see what happens to Grandma in the end and see if she goes with Senor Calavera or not.

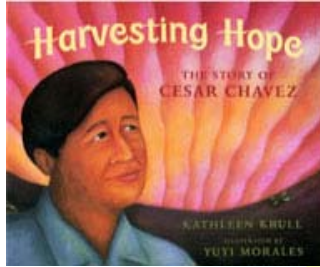
## **Maryland Black-Eyed Susan**

Florian, Douglas. **Bow Wow Meow Meow. It's Rhyming Cats and Dogs**. San Diego: Harcourt, Inc. 2003.



Here is the cutest little poetry book about cats and dogs. There is the Whippet, who speeds with ease and grace. *The Dalmatian* poem is written with spots like the Dalmatian and The Poodles with the curly, rounded phrases that tell you about poodles. Read this creatively written book about your favorite animals and laugh as you're reading them.

Krull, Kathleen. **Harvesting Hope The Story of Cesar Chavez.** New York: Harcourt, Inc. 2003.

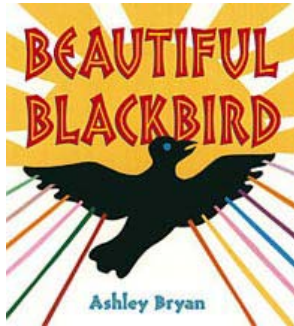


This is a beautiful story of the hardship Cesar Chavez faced and about his will to keep going. After his family lost their land and had to become migrant workers, he later became fed up with the mistreatment they all received from the landowners. Eventually, he led a peaceful protest march that improved the lives of migrant farm workers.

Read this magnificent story of his life and see the wonderful illustrations that are in this book. A very inspiring book.

### **Coretta Scott King Awards**

Ashley Bryan. **Beautiful Blackbirds.** New York: Atheneum Books for Young Readers. 2003.



This story is based on an African folktale about the blackbird being the one in which all of the colorful birds ask him for something his beautiful black colors.

All of the birds believed blackbird had such a beautiful color and they all wanted to have part it.

Read to see how these birds meet and decide about the black colors from blackbird adding beauty to theirs. See the dances they do and the ceremonies they do to add the color to their feathers.

McKissack, Patricia. *Mirandy and Brother Wind*. Illustrated by Jerry Pinkney. New York: Alfred Knopf. 1988.



Here is a cute story about a little girl, Mirandy, who wants dance the best and win the cakewalk contest. Mirandy wants the best dance partner, Brother Wind.

Read this tale about this little girl who is determined to catch Brother Wind and see if she wins the cakewalk.