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### BIO

Karla Arenas Valenti grew up in Mexico City in a house built around a tree. Her life was always filled with elements of the fantastical which she readily incorporates into her storytelling, taking readers on journeys steeped in magical realism.

Karla writes middle grade novels (including the best-selling and highly-acclaimed *Lotería*), chapter books (like the exciting *Legendarios* series and *Hispanic Stars* biographies), and various picture books. Karla's stories are heavily influenced by her Mexican heritage and layered with ideas and concepts she's picked up in her many travels around the world.

Karla currently resides in the Chicagoland area with her husband and three kids, two cats, and hundreds of books.

### PHOTO



### BOOK A VISIT

Being a storyteller for children is to be a custodian of wonder, charged with finding, preserving, and capturing in words the magic of the world around us. As an author, I seek to carve out windows through my books for readers to immerse themselves in stories that may sometimes feel true or familiar and other times will be a journey into an entirely new emotional or intellectual landscape. This is a big responsibility and one I take seriously, for it is no small thing to be entrusted with the hearts and minds of young people.

To book a visit, please contact **Sarah DeVore** ([Sarah@HowNowBooking.com](mailto:Sarah@HowNowBooking.com)).

## AUTHOR VISIT - LOTERIA

**Target Grades:** 4-8

**Mode of delivery:** Virtual or In Person

**Language:** English or Spanish (or both)

**Group size:** this session is ideal in smaller groups but can be delivered to groups as large as 100 students. Educators must be present at the meeting to help ensure a productive learning environment. I ask that attending educators please refrain from side conversations during the presentation as it can be very distracting for the students and me.

**Description:** this 45-60 minute highly dynamic and engaging presentation includes an overview of Karla's background, the illustrator, Mexico, and the story. Karla will also guide students through a brief discussion of magical realism (vs fantasy) as a literary genre and the philosophical underpinning of the book (free will vs fate). Students will participate in an interactive and exciting art activity. Time permitting, Karla will also lead a collaborative story-building exercise. At the conclusion of the presentation, Karla will answer student questions about her books, her process, and anything else discussed in the presentation. She will also sign books..

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## AUTHOR VISIT - LOLA

*Available after Sept. 10, 2024*

**Target Grades:** 4-8

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## AUTHOR VISIT - LEGENDARIOS

*Available after April 16, 2024*

**Target Grades:** 2-4

**Mode of delivery:** Virtual or In Person

**Language:** English or Spanish

**Group size:** this session is ideal in smaller groups but can be delivered to groups as large as 50 students. Educators must be present at the meeting to help ensure a productive learning environment. I ask that attending educators please refrain from side conversations during the presentation as it can be very distracting for the students and me.

**Description:** this 45-60 minute highly dynamic and engaging presentation includes an overview of Karla's background, the illustrator for this series, and the books. In this session, Karla will guide students through a brief discussion of mythology and how she drew on Mexican mythological tales in creating the Legendarios series. Students will also participate in an interactive and exciting storytelling activity and, time permitting, an art activity. At the conclusion of the session, Karla will answer student questions about her books, her process, and anything else discussed in the presentation. She will also sign books.

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## AUTHOR VISIT - ESPERANZA CAMELO

**Target Grades:** K-3

**Mode of delivery:** Virtual or In Person

**Language:** English or Spanish

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**Description:** In this 45-60 minute presentation, Karla Arenas Valenti will read the book to the group and engage the students in a discussion about the story, how the artwork contributes to the narrative, and the source for the book. Time permitting, students can engage in an art activity. Karla will answer student questions and sign books.

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## AUTHOR VISIT - ASK ME ANYTHING!

**Target Grades:** Available to readers of any age

**Mode of delivery:** Virtual or In Person

**Language:** English or Spanish

**Group size:** this session is best delivered in groups under 50 student but can be delivered to groups of any size. Educators must be present at the meeting to help ensure a productive learning environment. I ask that attending educators please refrain from side conversations during the presentation as it can be very distracting for the students and me.

**Description:** In this AMA session, Karla Arenas Valenti will answer any student questions about her books, the writing process, the industry, how she became an author, writing for different age groups, magical realism, and more.

***\* All questions must be pre-approved by the educators before the event to avoid duplication of questions and avoid uncomfortable or problematic topics.***