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Cesar Chavez Day

Cesar Chavez was born on March 31st 1927 and his birthday became a state holiday in California starting in 1995 in honor of his legacy as a civil rights activist, environmentalist, and educator. To order any of these titles, contact the library by email, phone, mail, in person, or order through our [online catalog](#). Select titles can be [downloaded from BARD](#).

Voices from the Fields: Children of Migrant Farmworkers Tell Their Stories

By Beth S. Atkin

Read By Lucinda Hart Gonzalez Reading time 2 hours, 7 minutes

Nine children of migrant Mexican American farmworkers tell of their lives and future dreams. These young people speak poignantly of poverty, gangs, and teenage parenthood; and of their hope and belief that education will provide a better life. Interspersed among the interviews are poems in English and Spanish. For grades 6-9 and older readers.

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The Words of César Chávez By Cesar Chavez

Read by Jonathan Davis Reading time 11 hours, 27 minutes

Collection of speeches given by Mexican American civil rights activist and labor leader César Chávez from 1965 to 1991. Includes political addresses, eulogies of Latino civil rights movement leaders, and more. 1965.

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Delano The Story of the California Grape Strike By John Gregory Dunne

The author is a journalist who describes the California farmworkers' strike against the grape growers which began in 1965 to gain higher wages and decent living conditions for the exploited migrant laborers

Available in braille, 2 vols. BR000668

Bravo! Poems About Amazing Hispanics By Margarita Engle

Read by Erin Jones

Reading time 39 minutes

Collection of eighteen poems that celebrate famous and lesser-known Hispanics from varied backgrounds who have faced life's challenges in creative ways and made a positive impact. For grades 3-6. 2017.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB088894

The Circuit: Stories from the Life of a Migrant Child By Francisco Jiménez

Read by Lewis Grenville

Reading time 2 hours, 46 minutes

Twelve interconnected short stories about the hardships of Panchito and his family as illegal migrant workers. "Under the Wire" tells how the family leaves Mexico and crawls under barbed wire into California. Picking crops and earning money come first while going to school is not always possible, as explained in "The Circuit." For grades 5-8.

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Harvesting Hope the Story of Cesar Chavez By Kathleen Krull

Biography of the California migrant-worker hero. Describes how Chavez's family became homeless, hungry farm laborers when he was ten and how, later in life, Cesar organized the National Farm Workers Association to peacefully and successfully protest those miserable conditions. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades 3-6. 2003.

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Migrant Youth Falling Between the Cracks By Joyce Libal

Read by Jill Ferris

Reading time 2 hours, 6 minutes

Discusses the plight of migrant farm workers, their daily dangers, and hourly wages. Presents facts about the educational, health, and social challenges facing children whose parents move around the country for agricultural work. Discusses available programs--and their limits--to help these youth and their families. For grades 6-9. 2008.

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Also available in digital cartridge DB067475

The Crusades of Cesar Chavez a Biography By Miriam Pawel

Read by Barry Bernson

Reading time 20 hours, 8 minutes

Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter details the life of Latino activist Cesar Chavez, founder of the United Farm Workers. Provides a detailed account of Chavez's successes and shortcomings in the fight for the rights of migrant laborers, his use of strikes and boycotts to achieve his goals, and his controversial leadership style. 2014.

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After Gandhi: One Hundred Years of Nonviolent Resistance By Anne Sibley O'Brien

Read by Yolande Bavan

Reading time 3 hours, 18 minutes

Traces the life and legacy of Indian lawyer Mohandas Gandhi (1869-1948), who developed the political practice of active nonviolent resistance to injustice. Provides accounts of fifteen individuals representing diverse causes around the globe who lived the Gandhian ideals of self-sacrifice and overcoming hate with love. For grades 6-9. 2009.

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Cesar Chavez By Consuelo Rodriguez

Read by Jim Zeiger

Reading time 2 hours, 52 minutes

When Cesar Chavez was a boy in Yuma, Arizona, where he was born, he learned that it was his duty to help the poor. But he also learned what it meant to be poor when his Mexican American family became migrant farm workers during the depression. Such first-hand experiences made him determined to organize farm workers without resorting to violence and to get a contract to ensure decent working conditions and fair wages. For grades 5-8 and older readers.

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Extraordinary Hispanic Americans By Susan Sinnott

Read by Jake Williams

Reading time 6 hours, 59 minutes

Outlines the lives of Hispanics who figure prominently in United States history. The book is divided into five parts titled "An Age of Exploration," "Early Hispanic America," "America from Sea to Sea," "The Twentieth Century," and "Looking toward the Twenty-first Century." Included are profiles of Hernando de Soto, Diego de Vargas, Arthur Alfonso Schomburg, Desi Arnaz, Rita Moreno, and Roberto Clemente. For grades 5-8 and older readers.

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Fields of Toil: a Migrant Family's Journey By Isabel Valle

Read by Gabriella Cavallero

To overcome misconceptions about migrant workers, the Walla Walla Union-Bulletin had a reporter spend a year with the Martinez family. This book is a compilation of her articles. Raul, Maria Elena, and some of their thirteen children spent the winter in their southern Texas home, but most of the year they followed the fruit and vegetable harvest through farms in Oregon and Washington.

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