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About the Author

Lori M. Carlson is an editor and translator who has concentrated on bringing Latino literature to American readers. As co-editor of *Where Angels Glide at Dawn*, she introduced new Latin American authors to younger readers. She is the founder of the bilingual children's magazine *Azul*. Most recently she edited *American Eyes*. Ms. Carlson lives in New York City.

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